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Following court ruling, Netanyahu vows to keep Shabbat status quo

By DANNA HARMAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said Friday that he found last week's Jerusalem District Labor Court ruling allowing kibbutz stores to remain open on Shabbat "shocking," and vowed to work to preserve the status quo.

that the decision determining that one cannot define the religion of kibbutz members will raise opposition. Yesterday in Jerusalem, meanwhile, on the special board at Cafe Paradiso, the suggestion of the day was a glass of wine from Kibbutz Tzora. "Better yet, drive over there and buy a bottle yourself," added the waitress. "It's great wine, and besides, it's really about the taste of freedom."

Two years ago "the Druse commandos" - a group set up by religious parties to monitor Shabbat work on kibbutzim - caught six members of Kibbutz Tzora busy at cash registers, and the Labor Ministry filed suit against them. Then, last week, the court ruled that the members could go back to the wine racks and the cheese-cutting boards.

Although the matter is fast becoming the battlefield of free choice and religion, the members actually won on a technicality. The judge maintained that in the 1951 Shabbat Work Law, the section on cooperative settlements - while forbidding work in factories or workshops - makes no mention of shops.

Kibbutz Tzora secretary Leslie Oshry said the ruling had nothing to do with Jewishness and that, in any case, the prime minister is confusing two separate matters. The court had indeed maintained that a cooperative settlement, by definition, has no religion, explained Oshry. But the members, "were as Jewish as Bibi [the prime minister] himself."

The real matter, said Oshry, was not religion, but leisure time and financial opportunities. "What we did by opening the shops goes along with the general trend in Israel today. The majority of people in the country, on their one day off a week, prefer to get out of the house and go travelling and shopping. We can help supply their needs."

MK Eli Yishai (Shas) has already said that he will personally oversee the appeal, and MK Meir Porush (United Torah Judaism), calling the court ruling a "black spot on the forehead of the kibbutz movement," said he hoped it would soon be reversed. MK Naftali Bennett (Likud), in turn, called the ruling an "extraordinarily just and courageous decision... which reinstates the practice of many years, and raises questions over policies of this government."



A Palestinian Police officer, wounded by a rubber bullet shot by an IDF soldier, is evacuated from Ramallah during clashes there yesterday. Story, Page 2.

US backs Israel on prisoner issue

By DANNA HARMAN

With a week to go before US President Bill Clinton is scheduled to land in the region, his administration tried over the weekend to lower escalating tensions over the prisoner-release dispute, to the dissatisfaction of both sides.

Officials at Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's bureau, in turn, were not satisfied with the US statement, either. A top official said it had taken the Americans too long to clarify the matter, and that their statement had been equivocal. This was due, according to the official, to a policy of "appeasement toward the Palestinians."

Israeli while carrying out, basically, a state visit to the Palestinian Authority. Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, meanwhile, cut short a visit to Europe in order to return to the PA and try to calm tensions. At a meeting commemorating the 10th anniversary of his statement in Stockholm supporting UN resolutions recognizing Israel's right to exist, Arafat struck a conciliatory note, calling for restraint on all sides.

Issa Karakeh, head of the Palestinian Prisoners' Association, said hunger strikes and protest marches would continue throughout Clinton's visit. "To make it clear that this is a crucial matter and we cannot move on without it being resolved."

Top Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said that the "Americans should have known better than to make such a statement."

Arafat put forth his vision of the final-status agreement, relating to such matters as refugees, security, and Jerusalem, while stressing that all solutions would have to be reached through negotiations. Referring frequently to "the logic of peace," Arafat said both Palestinians and Israel must refrain from both violence and unilateral actions that could undermine the outcome of the negotiations.

Netanyahu waiting for Levy, Eitan waiting for Netanyahu

By SARAH ROMIG

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu continues to wait for MK David Levy's reply to his offer of the finance portfolio under the stipulated conditions. By late last night no word had yet come from Levy and no overtures were made by Netanyahu. The chief go-betweens have also been inactive. Therefore, no progress was made in the contacts to bring Levy and his three-member Geshar faction back into the coalition.

Sources on both sides do not expect a deal to be closed until tomorrow, just before the crucial vote on the economic arrangements bill, for which Netanyahu needs every vote he can get, including the few Geshar can offer. The last contact between Netanyahu and Levy came in a two-hour meeting on Thursday night. Both sides insisted on conditions to which the other could not agree. Levy wants the entire budget bill to go back to the drawing board. He demands a total overhaul

with greater expenditures for the have-nots. Netanyahu could not possibly open the political Pandora's box again but he did need to allay the anxieties of political allies and win assurances from Levy that allocations to causes espoused by other coalition parties would not be interfered with. He also demanded to have the last word on any economic move. Levy finally issued a statement saying he could not endorse a budget he does not support.

Northern Command has launched an inquiry into an ambush mission that went sour on Friday, when South Lebanese Army troops opened fire by mistake on IDF soldiers, believing them to be Hizbullah gunmen. Two IDF soldiers, one of them an officer, as well as a soldier from the SLA, were shot in the close range gun-battle Friday afternoon in the eastern sector of the security zone, only a few kilometers from the northern border.

Two IDF soldiers hurt by 'friendly fire'

By DAVID RUDGE

The incident underlined the tension in the region as a result of the recent wave of Hizbullah attacks, in which seven IDF soldiers and a member of the SLA have been killed and several others wounded. Military sources said the inquiry will investigate the level of coordination between IDF and SLA units. The off-duty SLA soldiers cannot be blamed for thinking that they were thwarting a Hizbullah attack, but a check with their own commanders and/or IDF liaison officers in the region could have averted the mistaken clash, the sources noted.

The IDF also has problems, however, over how to keep its missions secret and prevent Hizbullah collaborators inside and north of the zone from obtaining information that could help the organization lay bomb traps and ambushes.

Ongoing inquiries into the two recent bomb attacks near the IDF's Tel Kabah outpost, in which five Golan Brigade soldiers were killed, have revealed that the Hizbullah squad responsible for planting and detonating the devices received assistance from residents of the zone. The incident report on the first Tel Kabah incident, in which three soldiers were killed by a claymore mine while they were walking to a nearby firing range, also revealed breakdowns in certain procedures and regulations at the outpost itself. Since the recent deadly pinpoint attacks, which appeared to have been carefully planned in advance, Hizbullah has reverted back to long-range mortar fire at IDF and SLA positions as well as bomb attacks, primarily against SLA targets.

Saudis tell Jewish leaders they back peace process

By ELI WOHLGELER

Following the first visit by a Jewish delegation to Saudi Arabia in three years, the message from his hosts conveyed by Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, was: "Tell the Israelis, tell the world, that the kingdom is supportive of the peace process. The kingdom will be an interlocutor in the peace process without any hesitation."



Abraham Foxman (Ariel Jerusalem)

devoted and dedicated to moving forward. They're basically saying, 'we want to wait and see, and our attitude was, it is precisely at those points that your support can go a long, long way.' Foxman said that the topic of Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon came up in most of the delegation's conversations. "He's a

Jewish Television Network gains in US cities

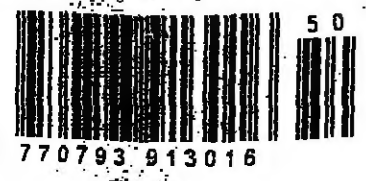
By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES - "I've been pushing this rock uphill for 10 years and I won't stop until I reach the top," promises Jay Sanderson. The "rock" Sanderson is edging upwards is the Jewish Television Network, and it's been grunt work most of the way. Founded in Los Angeles in 1981 with a minuscule \$75,000 a year budget, JTN was barely breathing when the former commercial film writer and producer took over a decade ago. Since then, the annual budget has risen to \$1 million to cover production of some 300 hours of programming a year. While some of Sanderson's ambitious goals - such as a 24-hour, national Jewish cable network - remain elusive, JTN's year-end report reflects solid achievements and promising prospects.

JTN has expanded from its home base, and selected programs can now be seen in the tri-state area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, South Florida, San Francisco Bay Area, San Diego, and Washington, D.C. In a major recent breakthrough, JTN has leaped beyond its cable confines by signing a deal with Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) stations to air some of its programs. JTN is launching a number of new programs, including "Jewish Celebrity Profiles," hosted by veteran writer-producer Saul Turteltaub, "New Jewish Cuisine," a gourmet kosher cooking series with chef Jeff Nathan, and "The 92nd Street Y Presents," with shows originating at the famous New York cultural and community center.

and analytical news programs, and the magazine-style "Twenty 2 Forty," aimed at a Generation X audience. Looking further ahead, the 41-year old Sanderson said he "wouldn't be surprised" if some of his shows appear on a major commercial broadcast network within the next 12 months. Sanderson hopes, within the next couple of years, to find an Israeli cable network that will show some of his programs. It is a constant source of frustration to Sanderson that Jewish community organizations, while generous with moral support, have on the whole failed to back kind words with hard cash. While the L.A. Jewish Community Foundation put up \$300,000 to launch "Alef...Bet...Blast-Off!," and the United Jewish Appeal contributed 50,000 toward the "92nd Street Y" presentations, no Jewish federation anywhere in the country has offered financial

help for JTN's ongoing operations. Organized American Jewry, he recently told a reporter, "has been incredibly inept" in harnessing the power of the small screen. One of the problems facing JNT, and other Jewish TV programs throughout the country, is that it is all but impossible to give an accurate number of actual viewers for cable-based programs. It is one thing to claim, as JTN does in a current news release, that the channels carrying its programs can reach 40 million people in 20 million households. It is another matter to measure with any precision how many people actually watch JTN's programs. Sanderson believes that in the Los Angeles area, at least some JTN shows are viewed in 50,000 homes, and that the recently joined PBS stations, whose audience is monitored through Nielsen ratings, can provide a credible count.



NEWS

in brief

Tibi to be charged for disrupting border police

Alied Tibi, an adviser to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, is to be indicted for insulting and interfering with border policemen at A-Ram Junction in January. Israel Radio reported last night.

Quoting sources in the State Attorney's and Attorney-General's offices, the radio said Tibi had been stopped for a search and the incident had been recorded. Tibi, who is an Israeli citizen, said in response that the decision to charge him was political, adding that it was the border police and not he who had acted aggressively.

Jerusalem Post Staff

University studies resume today

The nation's universities resume normal studies today, after the student strike that shut them down for almost seven weeks ended Thursday. The cabinet is expected today to approve the memorandum of understanding it reached with student leaders, despite the fact that student leaders refused to sign it.

The government intends to offer students participating in four weeks of community service projects involving education 50% off their tuition, but student leaders say this offer is limited and can only be used by about 10% of the students. Some 10,000 more scholarships for students and additional opportunities for student loans will also be made available.

Negotiations were expected to resume last night with senior lecturers seeking a new wage agreement, after progress was reported Thursday.

Aryeh Dean Cohen

Kedmi to step down as Nativ head

Immigrant Liaison Bureau (Nativ) head Ya'acov Kedmi is to step down from his post, after a committee appointed by the prime minister to check the bureau's work determined it should handle only consular and educational matters and not engage in intelligence gathering.

The leading candidate to succeed Kedmi is Robert Singer. The committee was appointed partly in response to complaints by the Mossad and military intelligence that the bureau was interfering with their work.

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First Palestinian commercial flight to Amman

The first Palestinian commercial flight to Amman took off yesterday, inaugurating an air route between Jordan and the newly opened airport at the autonomous Gaza Strip. The Falcon F-50 short-haul plane carried 48 passengers, mostly Palestinian businessmen and students, and returned to Gaza International Airport later in the day with a full plane load of travelers.

Both the takeoff and the landing of the return flight were delayed due to Israeli security demands. Although the airport is operated by the Palestinian Authority, security is handled jointly with Israel.

AP

Man kills woman, self at airport

A man shot a woman dead in the parking lot near the passenger terminal at Ben-Gurion Airport late last night, and then shot himself. He later died of his wounds. Israel Radio reported. It gave no further details, saying only that police are investigating.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Motorist, pedestrian killed on roads

A 27-year-old Petah Tikva resident, Norland Dorbayev, was killed Friday morning after he lost control of his car on the Geha highway. The car hit a safety barrier under the Aluf Sade interchange, killing Dorbayev instantly. In a separate incident in Ramat Gan on Friday afternoon, a car hit a 70-year-old pedestrian, Rahel Hirsch, from Bnei Brak. Hirsch was taken by ambulance to Sheba Hospital in Tel Hashomer, where she died a few hours later. The car driver claimed the woman came into the road suddenly from between two parked cars and surprised him.

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Honorary doctorate for Shalala

US Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala was on Friday conferred with an honorary doctorate in philosophy by Haifa University. The degree was awarded in recognition of her contribution to equality and social welfare, and the advancement of the status of women, minorities, and children. It was also to acknowledge her assistance in strengthening the peace process and in token of her friendship toward the University of Haifa.

David Rudge

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Funeral at Kfar Sava Cemetery, 12 noon today, Sunday, December 6, 1998.

US: PA courting disaster

By HILAL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - The State Department, seeking to put an end to recent Israeli-Palestinian verbal skirmishing, urged Israel Friday to fulfill its commitment to redeploy in the territories, and warned the PA it is "courting disaster" by voicing plans to declare statehood.

In remarks to reporters Friday, spokesman James Foley said the US considers it "important" that both Israel and the Palestinians "move ahead to fulfill those responsibilities" under Wye.

"We've made it clear to both sides that the

Wye River Memorandum included a clear set of commitments which both sides agreed to fulfill, and that the [accord], therefore, most be implemented as signed, without new conditions," he said.

"The United States has maintained for many years that an acceptable solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can only be found through negotiations, not through unilateral actions. For the present, we are doing all that we can to promote permanent status negotiations on an accelerated basis, and we are stressing that those who believe that they can declare unilateral positions, or take unilateral acts when the interim period ends, are

courting disaster," he said.

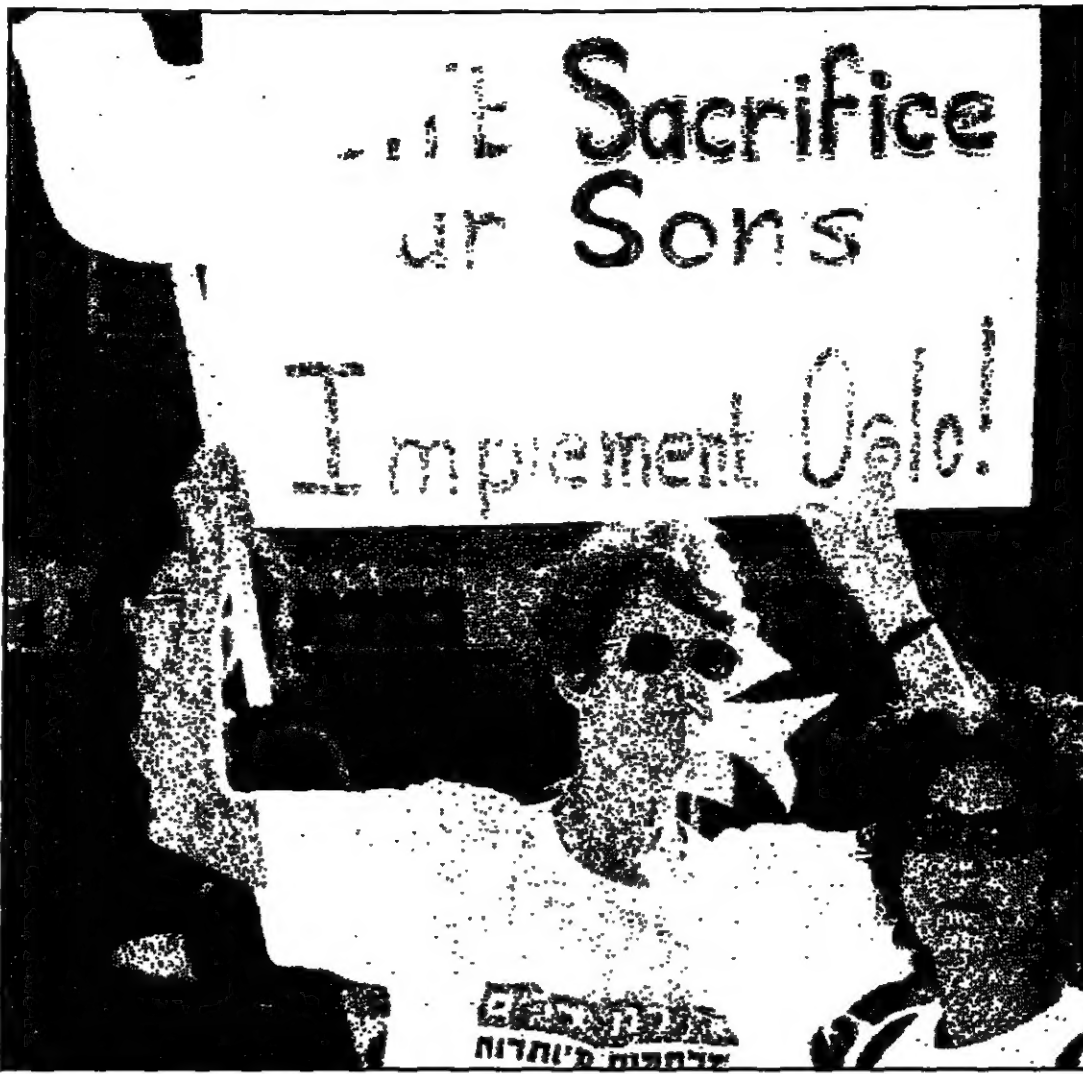
Foley stated that Israel has been fulfilling its obligation to free Palestinian prisoners, and that if the PA has an objection, it ought to avail itself of the "agreed channel" of "both sides talking to each other."

"Sticking to the Wye Memorandum, implementing it, both sides, and moving forward in the permanent status negotiations - that's the only way each side is going to achieve its aims, not through declarations, unilateral declarations, unilateral statements or unilateral actions."

Foley said the special Middle East coordinator, Dennis Ross, and his deputy Aaron

Miller, would be traveling to Israel this weekend to prepare for President Bill Clinton's upcoming visit. Miller, he said, would stay on beyond Clinton's departure to oversee the continued implementation of the Wye deal.

Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon arrives in Washington tonight. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will host Sharon for a breakfast meeting tomorrow morning. Sharon then travels to Capitol Hill to meet incoming House Speaker Robert Livingston, will address at the National Press Club, and then goes to the White House to speak with national security advisor Sandy Berger.



Demonstrators at a gathering in Tel Aviv Friday call for the IDF to withdraw from Lebanon. (Yael Somekh/Israel Sun)

Demonstrators call for withdrawal from Lebanon

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Some 200 people demonstrated at the Tel Aviv Cinematheque plaza Friday afternoon, calling for an immediate withdrawal from Lebanon.

Organized by the movements Four Mothers and Leave Lebanon in Peace, it included Yossi Beilin, author of a guide on leaving Lebanon, several other Labor, Meretz and Hadash MKs, General (res.) Doron Rubin, former Tel Aviv mayoral candidate identified with the Likud, bereaved parents and parents of soldiers in Lebanon.

"Dear security cabinet, enough of the Lebanese insanity, no more of your hollow words, which repeat themselves. And don't dare tell us we don't understand security matters, or that we're weakening the Army. It's your job to find answers," Zohara Antebbe of Four Mothers said.

"There are parents among us who don't sleep at night because their sons are in Lebanon. We want you not to sleep at night either. Listen to the news and provide answers for today's situation, not for what was

16 years ago, before more soldiers are killed," she said.

Demonstrators carried posters saying "1,345 soldiers have already left Lebanon. Unilaterally" (referring to the number of casualties since Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982). "How many more?" "Don't sacrifice our sons" and "Obtuse cabinet! You're indifferent while soldiers are getting killed." The speakers blasted Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, his cabinet ministers and the heads of the security branches for failing to find solutions to the Lebanese problem and for evading peace talks with Syria.

Several speakers attacked Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai for giving the security cabinet the impression the IDF heads were unanimous in the position that the army must remain in Lebanon, while in fact a number of prominent generals thought otherwise.

MK Yona Yahav (Labor) quoted General Security Service head Ami Ayalon's opinion that Israel must leave Lebanon unilaterally immediately, reported that morning in

Yediot Aharanot. He noted that General (res.) Amiram Levin, deputy head of the Mossad, also urged leaving Lebanon, in stages.

"The defense minister is a captive of ratings and evades confrontation with the IDF staff," Yahav said, quoting from Friday's *Maariv*. "There is a terror campaign in the IDF leadership against anyone whose opinion is different from the official stance. People know they are jeopardizing their promotion if they express their views. That's how the security cabinet was presented with only one uniform opinion," he said.

Rubin said the state leaders must tell the public the truth. "There is no military or tactical logic in remaining in Lebanon."

MK Dedi Zucker (Meretz) said that for 15 years no government has asked the IDF to present a plan to defend Israel from its own borders.

"We're captives of the Israeli concept which no one has tried to change for 15 years." "I think this week we're at the beginning of the end," said Beilin, who has been leading the campaign.

PM blasted for bypassing High Court on religious courts

By LIAT COLLINS

In a meeting between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the heads of the religious Knesset factions on Friday, it was agreed that all members of religious councils will sign a declaration that they accept the ruling of the chief rabbinate in all religious matters, a statement from the Prime Minister's Office said.

The Israel Religious Action Center said in response that this is "a blatant attempt by the prime minister to bypass the High Court of Justice, and impose a religious extremist regime on the state of Israel that gives in to the dictates of Haredi parties."

Meretz leader MK Yossi Sarid said there is no chance that the Knesset will approve legislation

that bypasses the High Court, and so Netanyahu's pledge to the religious and Haredi parties is worthless.

"The membership of Reform and Conservative [representatives] on religious councils is a fait accompli, and no one has the power to change this," Sarid said.

The Knesset Interior Committee last week called for appointments to the religious councils to be frozen until legislation has been passed which will revamp their structure. Committee chairman

Micha Goldman (Labor) said he would finish preparing the legislation within two months.

The committee met last Wednesday with Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron at the Chief Rabbinate to discuss a bill by Yona Yahav (Labor) and others. The bill would abolish the religious councils and create a unit in each local council responsible for providing for religious needs, while halachic authority would be transferred to the Chief Rabbinate.

Protests over prisoners spread through West Bank

By ARNHE O'SULLIVAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Dozens of Palestinians were wounded yesterday during clashes with the IDF in several West Bank locales and east Jerusalem as protests escalated against the detention of Palestinian security prisoners in Israeli jails, said Palestinian sources.

Protest marches were held in most West Bank cities, with participants carrying pictures of prisoners, and shouting slogans demanding their release. The marches came to support prisoners who have launched hunger strikes.

At the Ayosh junction north of Ramallah, the IDF barred Palestinian cars or pedestrians from entering the city beginning yesterday afternoon, the army said. The move came after hundreds of protesters hurled stones at soldiers, injuring an officer and two troopers. The army said they were treated on the spot and released to their units.

The army fired back at the demonstrators with rubber bullets and tear gas, dispersing them, army sources said. The junction was the site of the stoning of an Israeli car last Wednesday in which an IDF soldier, Assaf Myara, was severely

beaten. News agencies said that four Palestinians, two of whom were policemen, were wounded by rubber bullets.

Clashes also took place at Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem, where troops also dispersed rioters with rubber bullets and tear gas. The army said. The clashes went on for hours and AP reported that five Arab protesters were injured by rubber bullets.

In east Jerusalem, clashes took place at Salah Eddin Street, 15 Damascus Gate. About 15 Palestinians were wounded, and police arrested 11 others.

One of those arrested was a Palestinian photojournalist, Nizar Qaq, on suspicion he encouraged youths to throw stones.

In Ariel, dozens of Palestinians broke through a hole in the fence, started throwing stones and tried to set an electricity pole on fire. IDF forces chased them out of the perimeter and followed them to an encampment they had set up south of town. The army declared the encampment a closed military zone, evacuated the Palestinians and removed the tents, the army said. At least three Palestinians were hit by rubber bullets, AP said.

Netanyahu objects to return of Biram and Ikrit villagers

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu objects to the recommendation of Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi that he allow former Arab residents of the Galilee border villages Biram and Ikrit to return after 50 years.

Netanyahu said that a decision would have to be taken by the whole cabinet and that he and Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon would object. But Likud MK Ruby Rivlin, who is also a member of the Knesset Law Committee, said he would initiate a special debate on Hanegbi's recommendation.

Rivlin said that Israel's jubilee is a suitable time to demonstrate

there is no contradiction between a Jewish state and a democratic state. "We must implement the promise we made to the residents of Biram and Ikrit dozens of years ago. It was Menachem Begin's dream and it is the will of the Likud," said Rivlin.

The residents of the two villages were told by the IDF to leave the villages for two weeks in 1948 and were never allowed to return, despite frequent appeals and a High Court ruling in their favor last June, which gave the government 90 days to explain why they were not allowed to return. The government asked for an extension.

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(Ilan Oshry/Israel Sun)

Immigrant scam victims embattled with local lawyers

By ESTHER HECHT

The nightmare has not yet ended for immigrants from the former Soviet Union who lost their life's savings when they tried to transfer their money here.

The government has paid a total of NIS 50 million compensation to some 5,000 families bilked in the money-transfer scam, Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi announced recently. But now lawyers, who say they represented the scam victims, are demanding their share.

Part of the compensation due to 63 of the families is being held back because their lawyers have sued them in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court, while another four families have been threatened with law suits if they don't pay up.

The immigrants claim the lawyers failed to recoup the lost money

from the companies that cheated them and are now trying to "hitch a ride" on the compensation paid by the state.

The immigrants lost thousands of dollars each when they tried to transfer money here through companies to which aliyah counselors referred them. Many of the counselors operated in conjunction with the Liaison Bureau, which is under the aegis of the Prime Minister's Office.

In 1995, immigrants started turning in desperation to lawyers Joshua Barei, Ze'ev Hoffman, and Ya'acov Manovich in Tel Aviv, and Ilya Cherkinsky in Jerusalem.

The victims were obliged to pay the lawyers NIS 300 to NIS 1,000 up front, in advance of the 10 percent plus VAT and expenses the lawyers were to get from the eventual compensation.

While the lawyers say they contributed significantly to the government's decision to compensate the victims, the immigrants have responded by saying they waited in vain, as long as a year and a half, for the lawyers to help them. When the government finally announced in August 1997 it would compensate them, the immigrants notified the lawyers their services were no longer required.

Vera Gutkina, head of a nonprofit organization for the scam victims, claims they achieved the compensation through demonstrations, contact with the press, persistent lobbying of Knesset members, and a class-action suit they filed in September 1996 - against the individuals and companies who cheated them, and also against the state.

MK Naomi Blumenthal, head of the Knesset Aliyah and Absorption

Committee, came to the victims' aid through a bill calling for the establishment of a committee to determine state compensation.

Not only did the lawyers not help the scam victims, but some of them benefited from the victims' plight, Gutkina said. "It's actually because of the victims who signed contracts with them that Hoffman and Cherkinsky became the receivers of the companies," and as such were entitled to hefty fees, she claimed. But the money recovered was used to pay the companies' debts to local banks, and none of it reached the scam victims.

Barei said Gutkina's charges were nonsensical and said her organization was criminally liable for "stealing clients," by offering to represent the victims for half of what he and his colleagues were charging. A hearing is set for next May.

Argentina holds Iranian in embassy bombing

BUENOS AIRES, (Reuters) - Argentine police have arrested an Iranian woman in connection with the bombing of the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires in 1992 which killed 29 people, local news agencies and television reported yesterday.

Nahriin Mokhtari was detained at Ezeiza international airport on

Friday and interrogated by a judge later the same day, they reported.

Authorities believe the woman was linked to Middle Eastern terrorist groups and that she told a former lover of plans to carry out the bombing before it happened. The alleged lover, a Brazilian male prostitute called Wilson Dos Santos, went to the Argentine con-

sulate in Milan, Italy, and warned them of the attack two weeks before it happened.

The Argentine consulate ignored the warning. Dos Santos was recently tracked down in Brazil and arrested after a request from Argentine authorities who are seeking permission to interrogate him.

Mokhtari, who lived in Buenos Aires from 1992 to 1993 and allegedly worked as a prostitute, denied to the Argentine judge any links to guerrilla groups or that she knew Dos Santos, local media reported.

No one else is currently in detention for the Israeli embassy bombing.

Agency official calls for new attitude toward immigrants

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Immigration from the former Soviet Union is down 19.5 percent through November, and will remain low if Israelis' attitudes toward immigrants don't change soon, according to Chaim Chesler, chairman of the Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Committee.

Despite the economic situation and rising antisemitism, the immigrants are continuing to delay their arrival mainly because of reports they have heard of anti-immigrant feeling here, Chesler said. He called on President Ezer Weizman to lead a campaign to change Israelis' attitudes towards the immigrants.

Chesler said that on his most recent visits to the former Soviet Union he heard things said by Jews there he had never heard before.

"They say: 'Why do the Israelis hate us? Why do the Israelis not want us? Why do they make all kinds of accusations against us?' So first of all, it's my obligation to say this openly and sharply, and to demand that it be stopped. If figures like the deputy mayor of Jerusalem (Haim Miller) can make such accusations, this must be stopped," Chesler said.

Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein disagreed on the seriousness of the accusations.

"Definitely what happens here in Israel has an impact on these potential immigrants," Edelstein said, "but Mr. Chesler's comments are

way out of proportion, and immigrants aren't being deterred just by what Mr. Miller or others said."

According to Jewish Agency figures 39,343 immigrants from the former Soviet Union arrived here between January and November, compared to 48,893 last year. Another 3,000 are expected this month, and taking into consideration the number of tourists who will change over to immigrant status, the total for 1998 is expected to reach about 45,000, compared to last year's 54,591.

Israelis' attitudes are not the only factors for the smaller numbers, Chesler said. The inability to sell assets and the reduction of the pool of potential immigrants has also affected the figures.

Still, Zionist Forum vice-president Vadim Rotenberg thinks Israelis' attitudes toward immigrants is an even bigger factor than economic matters.

"Today, a lot of people have very exact information about what is going on in Israel," Rotenberg said.

"They have friends and relatives and receive a lot of letters, and some Russian-language newspapers published here are reprinted in Russia. I'm absolutely positive the incidents which have happened recently, in which Russian immigrants were killed or attacked... shows that in Israel, besides the normal danger caused by the surroundings, there is also an inner danger in the [fact that] the attitude of society towards the Russians is not what is expected."

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Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (center) accepts the Knesset Conscience and Courage Award from MK Avraham Hirschson in New York on Friday, as World Jewish Congress executive director Elan Steinberg looks on. (AP)

D'Amato awarded for gaining justice for Holocaust survivors

NEW YORK (AP) — The Knesset presented Sen. Alfonse D'Amato with the Conscience and Courage Award on Friday for his fight to gain justice for Holocaust survivors.

"I did what I thought was right," D'Amato said. "This was never really a question of money; it was a case of justice."

Speaking at the World Jewish

Congress, MK Avraham Hirschson called D'Amato a "Don Quixote" for scaling the high walls of silence. "You changed history," Hirschson said. "The people of Israel love you, and we in the Knesset admire you."

D'Amato's nearly three-year effort helped lead to a \$1.25 billion settlement between Swiss banks and Holocaust survivors in August.

Despite all the publicity about the settlement, D'Amato's opponent, Rep. Charles Schumer, dominated the Jewish vote and won the November Senate election.

Since losing the race, D'Amato said, he has been spending more time with his family and practicing law. "I'm going to try and find my old sailboat," he said jokingly. "I've spent 35 years in elected

office, so this is a whole new experience."

World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman, New York City Comptroller Alan Hevesi, and Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat also received Knesset Conscience and Courage Awards for their work in winning the \$1.25 billion settlement from the Swiss banks.

Apparent consensus on looted art reached at Holocaust parley

By MARILYN HENRY

WASHINGTON — The international conference on Holocaust assets ended Thursday in Washington with diplomats calling it a great success, largely because there had been no public confrontations over Nazi loot.

Instead, delegations from 44 nations nodded at the merit of an international commission to resolve unpaid war-time insurance claims, listened to a mild American rebuke of the slow pace of restitution of communal property in Europe, and appeared to reach a consensus on a batch of non-binding principles to resolve disputes over looted art.

While it was indeed remarkable that so many countries had gathered for three days to discuss Nazi loot, the item that galvanized attention was stolen art, which affects a small but elite — and expensive — sector of the art world.

"The art world will never be the same in the way it deals with Nazi-confiscated art," said Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat, who organized the conference.

"From now on, the sale, purchase, exchange, and display of art from this period will be addressed with greater sensitivity and a higher international standard of responsibility."

The principles to contend with looted art are not legally binding. But, said Eizenstat, "they represent a moral commitment among nations, which all in the art world will have to take account."

Israel had a fairly understated presence at the conference. In its official statement at the close, it said it sees itself as the central representative of the survivors and their families and is "dedicated to achieving justice on their behalf and to the remembrance of the Shoah." It did not, however, elaborate specifically on its role.

Martinez Handzik, an official at the Polish Embassy in Washington, said it was important for European states to be reminded that most survivors live in Israel and that Diaspora Jewry does not have the exclusive interest in restitution.

"The American Jewish community is very strong, influential; there

was a tendency to forget Israel," Handzik said. Nations must consult with Israel on restitution issues but in ways that do not affect bilateral relations, he said.

Eizenstat, who has been pursuing restitution for more than three years, blamed unnamed European countries — excluding Poland and Hungary — for the sluggish pace of communal property restitution.

He had proposed what he called "best practices" principles to accelerate the recovery of property. These included the return of secular as well as religious communal properties; compelling local authorities to honor restitution policies established at the national level; and simple and transparent procedures for filing claims. He also called for restitution procedures to take into account the "legitimate interests" of the current occupants of the property.

"While most countries in the region recognize their obligation to return confiscated property, there remains in some countries a lukewarm commitment to completing quickly the work at hand," he said.

The need for communal property restitution is urgent, Eizenstat said, because many elderly survivors are living in poverty and fear. "They are truly the double victims of the 20th century — first of the Nazi Holocaust and then more than four decades of communist repression," he said. "They deserve to see the return of their communal properties within their lifetimes so their communities can rebuild their shattered existence."

Naphtali Lavie of the World Jewish Restitution Organization praised Eizenstat, but reserved judgment on restitution. "That Eizenstat appealed to these countries is commendable, but it depends on how they respond, not what he said," Lavie said. "So far, the results are not tangible; they are words." The principles on looted art call for research into the provenance of art, for the identification and publication of looted art, for the establishment of a central digital registry to link all Holocaust-era art loss data bases, and for dispute-resolution strategies that would replace lawsuits.

Eizenstat announced at a briefing at the conference's end that he had

been "moved" when Valery Kulishov of the Russian delegation unexpectedly delivered three archival documents on looted art. Russia's stated willingness to return to "victim art" has been hailed as a "breakthrough" by Eizenstat.

It was one of the more bizarre drama of the conference, as Kulishov's documents all pointed the Russian finger at Austria and said nothing about the Nazi-looted art that subsequently had been captured by the victorious Soviet army.

One document, dated September 1942, is a letter from a Nazi cultural aide, who writes: "Since there is an acute danger that the Jew Gutmann might have fled the country and might have brought with him a precious medieval German manuscript, this manuscript was confiscated in 1938."

Israel made no demands for the opening of any specific archives, an idea that had been advanced a week earlier by Bobby Brown, the prime minister's adviser for Diaspora affairs. Instead, Israel called for all "countries, groups, financial institutions and individuals" to allow immediate and unrestricted access to archival materials. It excised from an earlier draft statement a specific reference to "church records, and deleted a sentence saying: 'Any entity that withholds information from public access compounds the indifference and crimes of the past.'"

Last December, more than 40 nations convened in London to discuss Nazi gold. With this month's Washington Conference on Holocaust-Era Assets, there was some speculation that such conferences could become annual events.

Israel, however, did not recommend that the "next" international Holocaust conference be held in Jerusalem, an idea that had been proposed by Jewish Agency chairman Avraham Burg on the eve of the Washington conference.

The issue of Jewish assets will remain on the world's agenda until just solutions are found, Israel said. "To this end, we urge further gatherings and consultations in the months and years to come," Israel said in its statement, which was delivered by Ya'acov Levy, the deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry.

Germany: new funds by mid-month for Holocaust victims

BONN (AP) — Chancellor Gerhard Schröder's government expects to work out details by mid-December for industry-wide restitution funds for former Nazi slave laborers and other uncompensated Holocaust victims, a spokesman said Friday.

Reversing long-standing German policy, Schröder pledged to establish joint government-industry funds in

October.

Government officials and industry leaders have been meeting regularly to work out details of how much will be paid, how compensation will be distributed and whether the government will contribute money.

Under pressure from lawsuits seeking compensation for Holocaust survivors, top German industrial firms, banks and insur-

ance companies appealed to the new-center left government to establish funds to help them deal with claims.

Among those participating in the group are the bosses of Allianz insurance company, Dresdner and Deutsche banks, Volkswagen, BMW, Siemens, Krupp, Degussa and BASF.

The German government has paid billions in compensation to

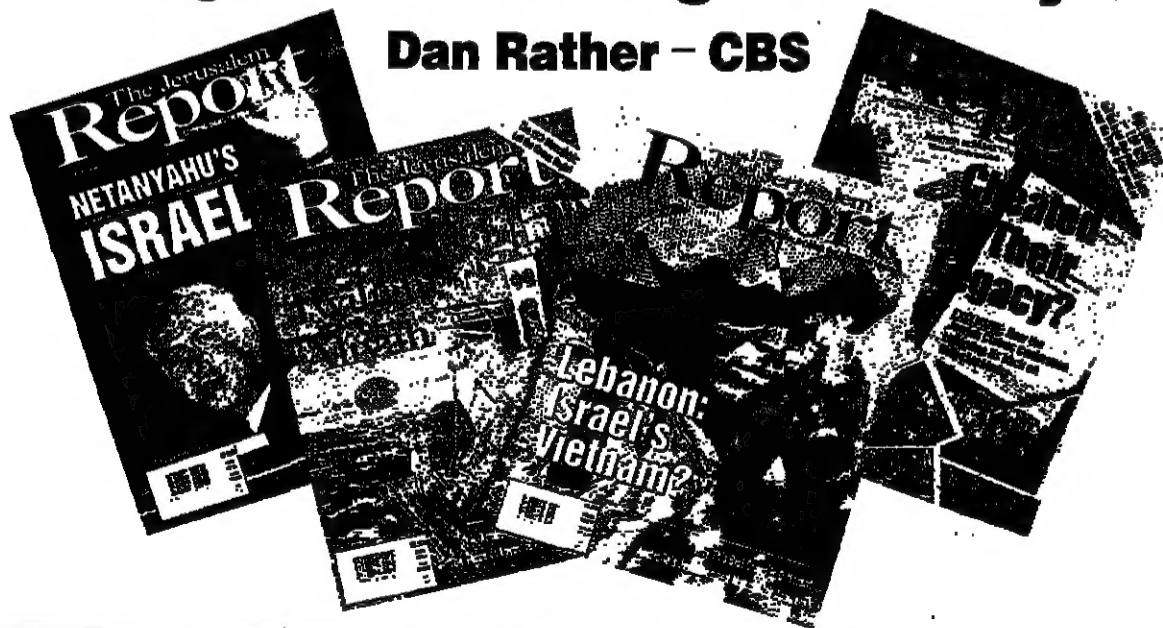
Holocaust victims for health damage and imprisonment. But it had rejected claims for back wages from slave laborers, saying the companies involved were responsible.

Most German firms, though, argued the workers were forced on them-by the Nazis and so the current government, as legal successor to the Nazi regime, should be responsible.

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Holocaust database unveiled

Yad Vashem unveiled its computerized "mega database," which is intended to document the war-time fates of millions of European Jews. It is the "lists of lists," said Yad Vashem director Avner Shalev.

When it is finalized within a year, he said, "It will be the list of the Jewish victims," with some 3 million to 4 million names computerized from such sources as censuses, deportation and camp lists, and liberation lists.

"Now we can trace the individual history of a Jewish person through the Holocaust," Shalev said. And from Holocaust Remembrance Day next April through 2001, Shalev is planning a census of every Jewish home. "We will ask the Jewish communities, the synagogues to help; we want to find more names," he said.

The problem is usually finding a piece of looted art, not seeing it twice. But, according to a French catalogue with an inventory of looted art, the painting *Portrait of an Elderly Jew in a Fur Hat* is in the National Gallery in Prague. According to a booklet of the World Jewish Congress, the painting is at the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

By MARILYN HENRY

There are apparently eight very similar portraits of the *Elderly Jew*, which was, at first, thought to be a Rembrandt. One was stolen from the Schloss Collection in France in 1943, and the French Foreign Ministry demanded that Prague turn it over. "The painting in question is part of the national heritage of France," it said recently in a diplomatic note to the Czech Foreign Ministry.

For its part, the Czech delegation was flummoxed. The French should not be pointing fingers without the facts, said one Czech diplomat, adding that he had no idea which *Elderly Jew* was in Prague. By the time the three-day Washington conference ended Thursday, Stuart Eizenstat, the peripatetic undersecretary of state, had made no fewer than six separate speeches, not including his extensive summaries of the day's events at the daily press briefings.

So overbooked was Eizenstat that he was set for near-simultaneous appearances Wednesday in separate locations more than a mile apart.

To make them both, Eizenstat injected himself in a program and gave a speech at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum — delaying the presentation of Yad Vashem's Yehuda Bauer — so that Eizenstat could race more back to the State Department to make a presentation on communal property in Europe.

It was extraordinary, said Miles Lerman, chairman of the US Holocaust Memorial Council, that representatives of some 44 nations met in Washington to deal with Nazi loot also spent a day discussing Holocaust education. He wants to ensure, however, that the educational programs are tailored specifically to each country. "I don't want to teach the Lithuanians that the Poles were no good," he said. "I want to teach the Lithuanians that the Lithuanians were no good."

The US and Britain have suggested that each country pick a date to commemorate "Holocaust Day." Among the dates suggested were January 27, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz; June 12, Anne Frank's birthday; and Holocaust Remembrance Day, in accordance with the Jewish calendar.

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Memorial meeting on the 30th day after the tragic death of

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To mark the 30th day after the tragic death of the soldier Jan Shafshovitch in Ashkelon, a memorial meeting of youth will be held by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport - Culture and Youth Authority, the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption and representatives of student and youth councils.

The meeting will take place on December 7, 1998, at the Hachal Hatzarbut in Kiryat Malachi, with the participation of members of the family, Minister of Education Yitzhak Levi, Minister of Immigrant Absorption Yuli Edelstein, Mayor of Kiryat Malachi Lior Katzav, IDF representatives, soldiers from his unit, local students, representatives of student councils, youth movements and Na'aleh from all over the country.

The memorial meeting will be broadcast live on Educational Television from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. School principals are requested to allow the pupils to watch the T.V. broadcast and to follow it with discussions on attitudes to the "other," Israeli society's obligation to new immigrants and the contribution of youth to relationships among members of the population.

Schools have been sent the "We Are Brothers" booklet belonging to the "On the Agenda" series, which contains a number of group techniques that will be of use in the discussions.

For further information, contact the Culture and Youth Authority, Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport: Tel. 02-560-3155, Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, Community Absorption Dept., 02-678-2762.

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Annan and Gaddafi meet on handover of Lockerbie suspects

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) — UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, on a mission to get custody of two suspects in the 1988 airliner bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland, met with Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi yesterday at an undisclosed location, UN officials said.

The officials spoke from New York by telephone to Annan's party at the Libyan coastal town of Sirte, where Annan had put off his departure by at least five hours yesterday waiting to meet Gaddafi.

The official news agency JANA had reported earlier that Annan might not be able to meet the Libyan leader as he intended, because Gaddafi was in the desert away from the Sirte region.

A government official said Annan, who had flown to Sirte expecting to see Gaddafi, would not return to the capital Tripoli before five hours later than scheduled.

Libyan state television said Annan also had met Burkina Faso President Blaise Compaore in Sirte about the Lockerbie affair.

Nationalists win Taiwan elections

TAIPEI (AP) — The ruling Nationalist Party scored big yesterday when its candidate, Ma Ying-jeou, ousted Taipei's opposition mayor in a race that highlighted Taiwan's precarious relations with China.

Pinochet lawyers seek to overturn decision

LONDON (Reuters) — Augusto Pinochet's lawyers are seeking to overturn the ruling against the former Chilean dictator because the wife of one of the law lords in Britain's highest court works for Amnesty International, the human rights pressure group.

'Body armor' causes Texas escapee to drown

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (Reuters) — The same makeshift body armor that helped condemned killer Martin Gurule escape from Texas's death row dragged him to his death just a few minutes later, when he sank to the bottom of a river and drowned, officials said on Friday.

China executes gangster boss and henchmen

GUANGZHOU, China (Reuters) — China executed feared Hong Kong gangster "Big Spender" and four henchmen yesterday, soon after a court rejected their appeal against convictions for kidnapping and other violent crimes, the official Xinhua news agency said.

NATO deploys Kosovo 'extractors'

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — The NATO alliance yesterday announced the imminent deployment to Macedonia of a 1,500 man extraction force to rescue some 2,000 international observers in neighboring Kosovo in case of emergency.

A NATO statement said the mission was in line with UN Security Council Resolution 1203, which stipulates arrangements for verifying Yugoslav compliance with UN demands to end the Kosovo conflict.

The extraction force will comprise units from several European NATO member states. It is to be led by France, which is supplying helicopters that will enable troops to reach trouble spots in Kosovo within an hour of a call for assistance.



Voters line up to cast their ballots at a polling station in Lagos, Nigeria, yesterday.

Nigerians vote in landmark elections

By FELIX ONUAH

ABUJA (Reuters) — Nigerians voted yesterday in local elections, which mark the first stage of the military government's plan to restore civilian rule next May.

But reports from other regions indicated a smaller turnout and problems getting ballot papers and boxes into place on time.

"As you know this is a litmus test. There are bound to be some mistakes or problems and we have tried our best to put everything in place," Abubakar said as he cast his vote.

"We've had attempts to disrupt the voting but the security forces have tried to stop that. So far, so

good," said electoral officer Ken Omosili in the colonial district of Lagos. In the Ebe-Metta district a ballot box was stolen by armed hoodlums.

Votes are to be counted as soon as they have all been cast at more than 111,000 voting centers, where they will also be announced.

Securing a big vote with broad national distribution is vital for the nine parties contesting posts in 774

local government councils. Only those winning 5 percent in two-thirds of Nigeria's 36 states will be eligible for next year's parliamentary and presidential elections.

There was no voting in a handful of areas where registration could not take place. They include parts of the oil-rich Niger Delta, where ethnic Ijaw youths threatened to disrupt the vote if local government boundaries are not changed.

Last Khmer Rouge officers give up

PHNOM PENH (Reuters) — The last top lieutenants of the chief of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge rebel force have surrendered, ending the radical group's two-decade fight against the government, army commanders said on Saturday.

The commanders represented the last Khmer Rouge forces based in different locations along the Thai-Cambodian border, in all about 500 fighters who would surrender soon, signalling the end of the rebel force, he said.

where along the border with Thailand, he said. "We can't find them on Cambodian territory. They must be somewhere along the border," he said.

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Peace stumbles in Kosovo

The Yugoslav parliament on Friday passed next year's budget for what remains of the federal republic. It allocated an astonishing 70 percent of the \$1.6 billion budget to the army. The obsession of President Slobodan Milosevic with keeping his generals happy above all other state considerations does not bode well for the future of peace in this troubled region.

The new budget is 64 percent higher than that for 1998 and its allocation follows the pattern of recent years, when 60 to 70 percent of it has gone to keep the military sweet and loyal. The reality of Serbia is an economy in ruins - because of Milosevic's bloody campaigns against non-Serbs in the dismembered former communist state, and because of the international sanctions brought on Belgrade by his policies.

The army is still being used against the Albanians of Kosovo province, despite the limping international peace process being implemented there. Scores of people have died in fighting since the interim peace was agreed on October 12. Another clash on Friday in the west of the province raised the death toll to 13 in just three days; all the dead being ethnic Albanians. Albanian leaders are saying that the Western-led peace-keeping monitors have brought no sense of security and are calling for NATO intervention against the Serbs.

The Kosovo Liberation Army, meanwhile, upped the stakes this weekend in the shaky peace agreement by again demanding no less than full independence for Kosovo from Belgrade. It is understandable that the Albanians cannot trust Milosevic to run their affairs, but the KLA's demands for independence are as unrealistic and unreasonable as they always have been. The return of something like the autonomy Milosevic wrested from Kosovo in 1989 is the obvious solution to the bitter dispute, even if that leaves the people there back where they were 10 years ago - only worse off, with a ruined economy and devastated towns and villages. That is the legacy Milosevic's rule has brought to the long-suffering states of the former federal republic in the blood-stained failure of his "greater Serbia" fantasies.

If Milosevic has not given up on a mythical greater Serbia, it is clear he will not settle for a lesser one by the secession of Kosovo. Nor is there much hope that, even if Milosevic were removed from power, his successors would be any better. The quarrelsome Milosevic is now at odds with Montenegro, the tiny mountain state that remained with Serbia in the rump Yugoslavia, and he has warned Macedonia that he regards it accepting NATO troops on its territory as "a hostile act." NATO is sending a 1,500-man "extraction force" to Macedonia's border with Kosovo this week, tasked with rescuing some 2,000 international observers and monitors

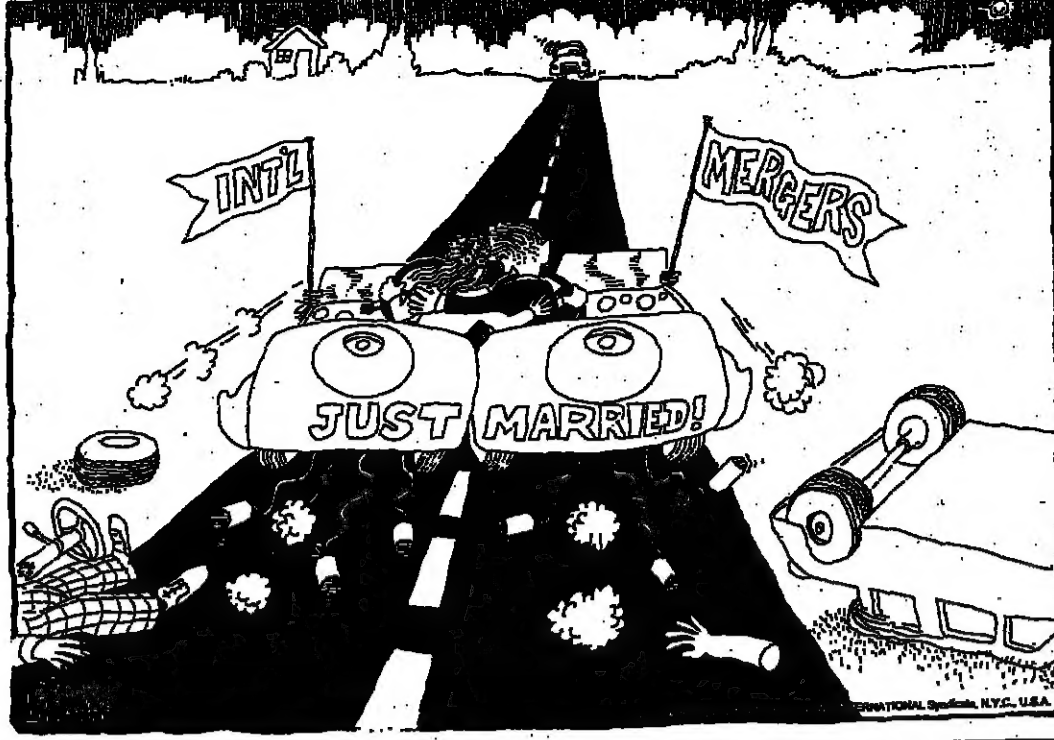
in Kosovo in case of emergency. The UN-sanctioned Kosovo verification mission, led by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), will be deployed, unarmed, in Kosovo by January. Belgrade refused permission for NATO troops to enter Kosovo, and has said they will be regarded as invaders if they cross the border from Macedonia.

Since Milosevic's army narrowly missed being bombed by NATO before Belgrade agreed to withdraw from Kosovo in October, these latest threats from Milosevic are probably bluster. The bottom line for him is that he will be held entirely responsible by the international community for the safety of the OSCE monitors, as well as for halting the violence against the ethnic Albanians as agreed. The international peace effort so far looks like a rickety affair in any case, especially with the unarmed verifiers of the Serb withdrawal being protected by NATO soldiers based in a neighboring country. The fact that NATO yet again failed to follow through on its "final warning" threat to force Milosevic to quit Kosovo last October has not enhanced its credibility in Belgrade or anywhere else in the region. If the Kosovo Liberation Army is now serious about pressing on for full independence and backs that up with continuing guerrilla warfare, the peace accord could collapse in ruins, leaving the monitors as exposed and useless in Kosovo as the United Nations proved to be in Bosnia.

The new KLA statement said it cannot accept an imposed joint life in an "anti-Albanian, anti-democratic system," although rebel leaders said last week they were ready to postpone demands for complete independence. A revised plan for Kosovo, backed by the Americans and given to the Serb and ethnic Albanian sides last week, calls for an interim political status for Kosovo. The conflicting statements from the KLA may represent the known splits in the movement, or a change of tactics which would signal serious trouble for the peace effort. Efforts to negotiate in Kosovo have been hampered all along by the scrappy nature of the KLA leadership, by rivalry between regional armed units, and by even more vocal fights among the political factions in the Albanian community.

The settlement being drawn up by Chris Hill, the US ambassador to Macedonia, studiously avoids mentioning any final status for Kosovo. During the interim period, Kosovo would gain a status similar to Montenegro - self-ruling, but within the Serb-dominated federation of Yugoslavia. Belgrade's best offer so far has been limited self-government for Kosovo, and the Albanians would be wise to accept it. No one in Europe is keen to see yet another impoverished statelet emerge from this never-ending Balkan mess.

Lurie's NewsCartoon



Make Mubarak sweat

DAVID WEINBERG

Just how do you go about changing Egypt's belligerent, obnoxious, anti-Israel behavior? What's the approach for compelling reform in Egyptian foreign policy? These are some of the questions percolating to the surface nowadays in Washington, a city growing increasingly impatient with the unhelpful role played by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Foreign Minister Amr Moussa in Middle East peacemaking.

Despite its almost 20-year-old peace treaty with Israel - an enduring national interest for Egypt as well as Israel - Cairo has never quite reconciled itself to Israel as a sovereign Jewish presence in the region. It seeks to keep the cake and eat it too: to reap the 1979 accord's tangible benefits (\$2 billion a year from Washington, among others) while acting as leader of the Arab front confronting Israel.

This means that Cairo has done everything possible to prevent the normalization of relations with Israel by any and all Arab states, even before Bibi's election and now after the Wye accord. For almost three years Mubarak has been blocking the re-opening of the multilateral committees, effectively shutting down this negotiating track.

Moussa continues to impede Israel's attempts to be accepted into a regional grouping at the UN; he attempted to get Israel's observers thrown-out of the August conference of non-aligned countries in Durban; and has been behind the attempt to label settlements as war crimes under the new international convention.

The ever-agitating Moussa - who last visited here in 1994 and made a fuss about visiting Yad Vashem - led an international assault on Israel's nuclear weapons capacity during the 1994 Non-Proliferation Treaty ratification period - and this, during the height of Oslo! Since then he has spearheaded a shrill attack on Israel's burgeoning relationship with Turkey, un-

essarily making it out to pose a big regional threat to the Arabs.

In peace diplomacy, Egypt has been a saboteur, not a constructive middleman. During the Hebron Accord talks, Moussa's chief-of-staff Nabil Fahmy sat in the Palestinian backroom attempting to toughen-up Palestinian demands, advising Saeb Erekat at the last minute against any mention of "reciprocity" in the agreement. (Just ask US negotiators Martin Indyk and Dennis Ross about this.)

Congress should outline for Egypt the costs of its belligerence towards Israel

Then there's the constant justification or excusing of Palestinian terrorism. Mubarak has been quoted in the Arabic media as saying, "The (late-August) bombings in Tel Aviv are the natural result of the terrorism by Netanyahu's Likud government... Such explosions will continue as long as the Tel Aviv government adopts a position which is opposed to peace and so long as the land is not returned to its Palestinian owners."

Along with his warnings of "an explosion of violence" unless Israel gives in every step of the way, lately Moussa has taken to justifying a unilateral Palestinian declaration of statehood. "Arafat has no alternative," he told this paper recently. So much for being helpful in keeping the process on track and the dialogue moving forward.

The icing on the cake is the virulent antisemitic and anti-Israel rantings in the Egyptian press, but alas this is not new. Israelis as Nazi storm-troopers, baby-killers or bloodsuckers, Netanyahu as Satan, and fascism

as an inherently Jewish trait - all are commonplace themes, as is denial of the Holocaust. We've all seen the repeated venomous editorial cartoons that in the West would land an artist in jail.

SO WHAT to do? Egypt is too large and important a country to write off as an enemy, and the Egypt-Israel peace, however cold, is a regional cornerstone. Washington does not want to punish Egypt by reducing aid, for fear of destabilizing the Mubarak regime - although the ADL's Abe Foxman in the past has suggested holding some aid in escrow, pending an improvement in Egyptian behavior.

I say: Make Mubarak sweat. Hint to him that there are costs to Egyptian belligerence. Provide Egypt with good reason for restraint.

Congress ought to convene hearings, for example, on Egyptian human rights abuses, under the recently-passed Freedom From Religious Persecution Act.

The London Daily Telegraph reported in October that there is renewed persecution of Copts in southern Egypt. To be exact, the paper told of horrific crucifixion rituals, mass rape of teenage girls, torture of children, and so on.

Oh, it makes Cairo mad to have these dirty little secrets aired in public! It's also time for an open Congressional hearing into Egypt's massive military build-up, especially its incomprehensibly large expenditures on development of a blue-sea navy. Just why is this build-up necessary?

Congress might want to consider holding back some of the sophisticated military technology Cairo is seeking.

Then there is the troublesome, malevolent Egyptian role in the peace process, and separately, antisemitism in the official press. These are both good topics for investigation, and there are relevant Congressional committees perfectly suited to take up each issue.

Make 'em sweat.

Blacks and Jews

ALAN DERSHOWITZ

Black-Jewish relations in the US are once again in the news. This time, it's a report by the Anti-Defamation League which documents considerably higher rates of antisemitism among blacks than among whites. The report concludes that 34 percent of blacks - as compared to 9 percent of whites - harbor the strongest antisemitic views.

This has certainly not been my experience in teaching black law students at elite law schools for 35 years. Nor has it been my experience in working with elite black lawyers and other professionals. And therein lies the story.

Antisemitism is no longer a significant phenomenon among elite professionals, but it continues to be a significant factor primarily among the most marginalized in our society. The ADL generally found that antisemitism varies inversely with educational level. (Although educational level is a fairly good surrogate for economic level in our society, the study did not explicitly control for economic factors; it is possible, therefore, that poor blacks are no more antisemitic than equally poor whites.)

Those at the lowest end of the educational spectrum have the highest levels of antisemitism (and other forms of bigotry), while those at the highest have the lowest levels of antisemitism.

Black antisemites may frighten us, but they rarely influence our lives

(at least in the overt sense). This is a marked break with the past. When I was growing up, antisemitism was rampant among the elites. It was reflected in discrimination by elite universities, law firms, banks, corporations, social clubs and neighborhood associations. Yesterday's antisemites told Jews where they could live, work, go to school and socialize. They had a daily impact on our lives.

That has changed. Today's antisemites can no longer tell us where we can work, socialize, live or go to school. They have little influence on our daily lives. Today's antisemitism is concentrated among the most marginalized elements of American society - the poorest and least influential groups.

I believe this is true for two reasons: First, those at the lowest end of the socio-economic scale need scapegoats, and Jews have always been a convenient scapegoat. Second - and more importantly - people who express antisemitic (and other bigoted) views are doomed to failure in our society because overt antisemites are virtually unemployable in most businesses - and certainly in the elite professions and corporations.

No self-respecting law firm or investment bank or corporation will tolerate the kind of views expressed by virulent antisemites, since the expression of such views is bad for business.

IT FOLLOWS, therefore, that those African-American leaders who preach and teach the hateful message of antisemitism - from Reverend Louis Farrakhan to Professor Leonard Jeffries - are relegating those who accept their hateful messages to the margins of our society.

The real victims of those black leaders who preach and teach antisemitism are not Jews, but blacks who buy into this self-destructive hatred. Most Jews are not affected in any palpable way by the bigoted rantings and ravings of the Farrakhans or Jeffries of the world. Those blacks who accept this message are not in a position to hurt most of us. Black antisemites may frighten us, but they rarely influence our lives on a day-to-day basis. They do, however, influence their own careers by making themselves unemployable in the mainstream.

Responsible African-American leaders understand that establishing coalitions with Jews (and others) is a likely road to success, while espousing antisemitism (and other forms of bigotry) is a sure path to failure. African-American politicians who seek Jewish support win elections far more often than those who run on the politics of division and antisemitism. What is true of politics is also true of business, academia, entertainment and other pathways to success.

The time has come to recognize that one of the causes of the tragic failure among so many young African-Americans is that they are being taught antisemitism. This must end, for their sake.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MACCABEAN GRAVES

Sir, - I write to inform the wider English-reading public of yet another senseless and irresponsible government decision, the latest in a line of wrong decisions.

When the new city of Modi'in was planned it was decided to widen the existing 443 road to accommodate the additional traffic load. Fine. But now there has been another decision to build a new road (Number 45) which will run parallel to 443 and will destroy part of the beautiful Ben Shimon Forest and Nahal Modi'in.

Worst of all, the new road and also the proposed railway line to

Modi'in are planned to destroy the ancient Maccabean graves. These graves are reminders to us all, especially at this time just before the Hanukkah festival, which commemorates Jewish heroism and the fight for survival against all odds and a mighty enemy.

Today there is a different mighty enemy - our own government whose short-sighted bureaucrats have piled mistake upon mistake to draw up a plan which will ruin the beautiful scenery, the ancient sites which have survived for thousands of years, and to waste a lot of public money.

PURE BIGOTRY

Sir, - Naomi Schendowich's letter "Christians in Mea She'arim" (November 27) is a classic example of bigotry.

One has only to substitute "Jew" or "black" for "Christian" and the letter could have been written in a WASP suburb in America of the 50s. Moreover, various Christian denominations hold a wide range of beliefs but these days not a great many of them still think that the Jews need "saving." It's most unlikely that those who still do send missionaries amongst us, would choose Mea She'arim as their field of operations since they have most success with those who

are ignorant of or alienated from their own religion.

The Swiss women were probably simply glad to find a central and relatively cheap apartment in a picturesque part of the city. With the year 2000 almost upon us, it is sad indeed that the many Christian visitors to our country will need to be warned that there are places where the very presence of Christians is offensive, that not all the natives are friendly and the tradition of hospitality to strangers is no longer in effect.

SAFED. NAOMI SPIERS

They should not be allowed to do this.

Is someone out there prepared to help save the graves of the Maccabees from destruction?

MODI'IN. MARION STONE

MAKE ENGLISH OFFICIAL

Sir, - Re your report: "Landver proposes making Russian Israel's third official language" (December 2). The suggestion is wholeheartedly endorsed. But I would suggest that it be taken even further.

The English language is international, more so than even Russian. How much more then should English be made an official language in Israel.

English, because of its international usage in all spheres of universal life is essential, and should become an official language.

If there are those who feel that too many official languages would be problematic for our state, let them take a look at South Africa (among many other countries) which has no less than 11 official languages.

ASHKELON. R. MOSKOVITZ

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On December 6, 1933, *The Palestine Post* reported that the UN Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, visited Cairo and Amman to discuss the prospects of bringing about direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab States. He was expected here shortly.

50 years ago: On December 6, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that the UN Mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, visited Cairo and Amman to discuss the prospects of bringing about direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab States. He was expected here shortly.

25 years ago: On December 6, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported

ed a high state of alert on both sides of the Syrian and Egyptian fronts where enemy units were reassembling in offensive deployments. Two Israeli soldiers were killed near kilometer 101 on the Suez-Cairo road while the IDF took appropriate measures to meet new threats.

Alexander Zvielli

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Antonio Frilli: detail of *The Three Graces*, after Canova, marble, circa 1900 (sold for £78,500 at Sotheby's London)

A pricey skeleton

AT THE AUCTIONS

The fabulous 9-cm. gold skeleton and silver gilt sarcophagus by Israel Rouchomovsky (1860-1934), seen at the Israel Museum earlier last year, went to an American collector for \$192,956, three times its estimate, at Christie's Amsterdam on November 24. The fully articulated skeleton, fashioned with tiny ball bearings, took four years to make and was completed in 1896 in Odessa, where the goldsmith was later discovered by journalists attempting to track down the author of Rouchomovsky's famous golden tiara, sold without his knowledge to the Louvre as a genuine antique. The goldsmith came to Paris to prove that he was really the author and the tiara was removed from view, maximizing a furor over its origin.

Rouchomovsky settled in Paris and exhibited the skeleton and its sarcophagus at the Paris Salon from 1904-6, where it was awarded a gold medal.

Back in Russia, Rouchomovsky had helped a less-gifted colleague fashion a miniature skeleton (now in the Museum of Historical Treasures of the Ukraine, Kiev) but embarked on his own skeleton in order to make one that was anatomically perfect. It took him another four years to fashion the sarcophagus, decorated with a figure of Death leading the rich, the poor and the lame. Researchers have only now discovered the goldsmith's microscopic signatures on the splint bones.

AS REPORTED earlier on our news pages, a copy of the first printed Hebrew Pentateuch broke a world record for a Hebrew printed book at a Christie's London sale on November 23, when it went for \$242,500. Laid out with the Targum Onkelos and the Rashi commentary in the traditional

manner, it was printed in Bologna by Abraham ben Haim de Pesaro in January 1482. The earliest typographers in Italy were Germans but they must have had some Jewish apprentices for Jews quickly established presses of their own, at first in Rome around 1460 but later all over Italy. This book was commissioned – and thus financed – by Joseph ben Avraham Caravita; set with vowels and cantillation signs, it is a tremendous achievement. Remarkably, paper copies are rarer than those printed on vellum.

LONDON DEALERS vied with European and American collectors for tacky but virtuous 19th- and early 20th-century salon sculpture, some of it in the soft-porn manner of the time, at Sotheby's London last week. Incredibly enough, 67 of 118 lots sold at over 84% of value. A pair of North African Torchbearers by Charles-Henri-Joseph Cordier went for a record (for this type of work) £573,500 (close to \$1m.). Two other Cordiers also did well. Coming in second after the Cordier was a marble of *The Three Graces*, made by Antonio Frilli around 1900 after a work by Canova. It brought an expected £78,500.

THE fabulous costume designs of Russian-Jewish artist Leon Bakst (1866-1924) for the Diaghilev Ballet Russe production of *Scheherazade*, 1911, were among his very best. One of them, in gouache, pencil, India ink and gold paint, is to be sold at Sotheby's New York sale of Dance, Theater and Opera memorabilia this Wednesday. A brilliant blend of sensuality and fluid motion, it has an estimate of \$400,000-\$600,000. It was shown at Bakst's first one-man show in London, 1912.

Exter, Gontcharova, Benois, Larionov, Aronson, Tchelitchev, Fini, Erte, Roerich and Norman Bel Geddes are some of the well-known names represented in this



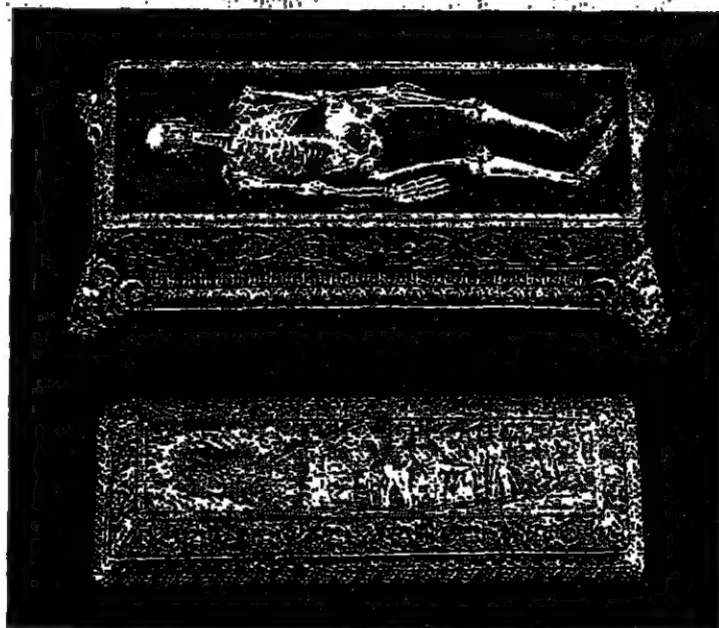
Leon Bakst (1866-1924): design for an Almee, *Scheherazade*, 1911 (\$40,000-60,000 at Sotheby's New York)

sale. There's also a remarkably fine ink wash drawing and excellent likeness of Greta Garbo as Camille, by her friend Cecil Beaton (\$2,000-3,000).

A SMALL but lovely landscape from 1890 by Claude Monet is being offered at Christie's London on Tuesday. It may well pass its top estimate of £1.8m. Another attractive impressionist offer is a view of windjammers in the lagoon at Venice, painted in a lighter-than-usual palette by Eugene Boudin in 1895 (£80,000-120,000).

A late Mondrian oil, *Composition in Red and Blue*, is being offered at Christie's London this Thursday. Made in 1941, three years before his death, the artist double dated it on one of its black bars as "PM 39-41," evidently as an expression of what he had gone through in fleeing the Nazis and then the Blitz in London, where he had been unable to work. It has an estimate of £1m.-1.5m.

Other items offered at Christie's London this Thursday include Salvador Dali's *Necrophilic Spring*, 1936



Israel Rouchomovsky (1860-1934): 9-cm. gold skeleton, 1892-96, and silver gilt sarcophagus, 1896-1901 (sold for £192,956 at Christie's Amsterdam)

(£600,000-800,000); a Nicolas de Stael abstracted seascape, 1952 (£180,000-220,000); and a

Pissarro watercolor, 1887, of a shepherdess with her sheep (£350,000-450,000).

What makes colors come and go?

TELL ME WHY

By JUDY SIEGEL-REISFELD

My kids loved the gift recently put inside Nestle cereal boxes: twisted straws of opaque white plastic that turn into swirls of color when they are put in the freezer, or when cold milk is sipped through them. What substance in the plastic makes them react like this? Could there be any health danger? Stanley, Arad.

Prof. Rina Reisfeld, a light spectroscopy and glass expert at the Hebrew University's Inorganic Chemistry Department, answers:

I can't say exactly what substance was added to the plastic, but it has to be a small amount of thermochromic material that changes color as temperature changes. This material can be in the form of crystals or polymers, and the effect is usually reversible when the temperature changes back.

When the plastic is cold, it absorbs ultraviolet rays and becomes colorful. When it warms up, it shifts to absorb the visible range of color and appears white. There are scientific uses for such a characteristic, such as sunglasses, or windows that heat up from the sun's rays and turn darker to filter out ultraviolet rays.

I use electrochromic substances in my lab. When voltage is applied, they change color too. Nestle is a big company, and I am certain it wouldn't put any substance in a straw used for drinking milk that hadn't been proven safe.

My son had a birthday party at home and we had helium- and air-filled balloons. The helium ones lost their gas much faster than the air-filled ones. Why? Rina, Rishon LeZion.

Dr. Avraham Aserin of the Hebrew University's Casali Institute for Applied Chemistry explains:

The phenomenon is well known. Helium molecules are much smaller than the main components of air (oxygen and nitrogen), so they pass quite easily through the pores of rubber balloons. Air escapes through the pores as well, but since the molecules are larger, leakage is slower.

I try to sleep in the afternoon, but can't disconnect my phone because of work obligations. So I am often awakened after a few minutes' sleep. Why do I feel more tired after being woken by the phone than before lying down? Etti, Beersheba.

Dr. Neveh Tov of the Haifa Technion's Sleep Lab responds: Sleep medicine experts are familiar with this phenomenon. If you are suddenly awakened at any time of day or night, you may be more tired than you were before. It doesn't have to be during a dream; just being awakened from deep sleep is enough.

People sleep in set patterns or cycles. A normal sleep cycle is 90 minutes; the cycles alternate between rapid-eye-movement (REM) sleep, which is when you dream, and dreamless sleep. If you're awakened suddenly near

the end of a cycle, you're less likely to be tired, but if the disruption is in the midst of a cycle, the result can be tiredness, and even disorientation.

Why is water clear, but steam opaque? And why does rain come from dark clouds and not white-colored ones? Jerry, Jerusalem.

Dr. Daniel Rosenfeld, a senior lecturer at the Hebrew University's Institute of Earth Sciences in Jerusalem, comments:

Steam is transparent. What you see when you breathe outside on a very cold day, or when a tea kettle boils is the cooling off – or condensation – of the steam into a cloud of tiny particles of water, and these appear as opaque. Water vapor is a gas, and, like any other atmospheric gas, transparent to visible light. But condensed water droplets are not gas any more; they are so small that they float in the air – each the size of about one-hundredth of a millimeter – but in their new state they are visible when there are many.

The phenomenon of cloud color is related to this. Only clouds that are very dense can contain enough water to produce significant rain. From earth, dense clouds appear to be dark, as little light from the sun can pass through them. The top of dense clouds reflect light from the sun back into space; this explains the phenomenon of dark rain clouds appearing white when you look at them from a plane flying above them.

Tell me why my finger joints and wrists know and feel an approaching rain, sharav or any change in the weather about 24 to 48 hours before Danny Roop tells us about these changes? Chava, Pardes Hanna.

Prof. Michael Yaron, chief of the Rheumatology Department, Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv, answers:

A day or two before rain comes there is a perceptible drop in atmospheric (barometric) pressure. It is known that any significant change in barometric pressure is felt by people with rheumatic symptoms. In advance of an official forecast. Unfortunately, scientists have not yet discovered why.

In Michigan some years ago, people were put in a special chamber where humidity, temperature and atmospheric pressure could be altered. They noticed that an air-pressure change, especially when it was reduced, caused rheumatic symptoms. A dry heat (sharav) may do this too, but it hasn't been proven.

Even healthy people will feel changes in their joints, but less so than people with regular rheumatic problems. When the rain arrives and the pressure stabilizes, the symptoms disappear.

Have you always wondered about the scientific explanation for ordinary phenomena? Now you can get an answer. Mail your question to TELL ME WHY, The Jerusalem Post, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem, fax it to (02) 538-9527 or send it by e-mail to justie@jpost.co.il. Please include your first name and place of residence.

A lot of hot air over wind farms

Earthly Concerns



By D'vora Ben Shaul

For as long as anyone can remember the burning of fossil fuel has been considered a major cause of pollution. Roman senators complained that the city's charcoal fires soiled their white togas, and they carried a block of chalk to mask the smudges.

In 17th-century London, a law made it a capital offense to light charcoal fires inside the city – one farrier was actually executed for doing so.

Today, with fossil-fuel combustion so seriously implicated in the "greenhouse effect" that causes global warming and changing weather patterns, the search for cleaner energy has gone into high gear. Indeed, the last decade has seen a growing interest in wind power as a clean and renewable source of energy; as a result, wind power has already outstripped the use of

solar energy, which runs a close second place.

Of those who have most vociferously advocated the development of cleaner power sources, none have been more active than some of the world's environmental action groups. It therefore seems quite unbelievable that today these groups should be most critical of the rapidly expanding construction of wind farms.

Armed with a long list of complaints, they are now lobbying hard against the most successful of the developments they once advocated. They claim the wind farms uglify the countryside, create intolerable noise and kill birds.

Some of this is true; but, by and large, these complaints are highly exaggerated.

The wind-driven turbines are certainly not a part of the natural landscape – but then, neither is anything else our society has built, whether it's a house or a silo. That the turbines interrupt the uninhibited view of the countryside in some places may be true; but then, so does a power line.

As for noise, the wind farms do whine, but tests done in the US and Britain show that a wind



Wind power: a clean and renewable source of energy.

farm producing 1,000 megawatts of electricity per day produces far less noise at a distance of half a kilometer than an interurban, four-lane highway at the same distance.

Wind farms produce only one-fourth as much noise at a half-

kilometer distance than the noise a normal airport produces at a three-kilometer distance.

It is also true that some wind farms have been implicated in causing bird deaths, and here there is certainly room for research.

So far only two wind farms have been found to be responsible for avian deaths – one in California, at Altamont Pass, and a second at Tarifa, on the southern coast of Spain near Gibraltar. In both cases, the inappropriate location of the wind farms seems to be the principal reason for the bird deaths.

The Altamont Pass is a traditional feeding ground for raptors – including falcons and eagles – but this was not taken into account when the wind-farm site was chosen. The Tarifa station is right on the migratory route of birds flying from Europe to Africa via Gibraltar. These unfortunate locations tell us a great deal about where wind farms should not be built.

In Scotland, wind-farm developers were recently forced to opt for a second location – their original choice was along a defile where swans fly regularly. The first location was chosen because it was closer to a main traffic access, making it more convenient to service.

There is no doubt that every

possible precaution should be taken to minimize the danger to migratory birds; but one must consider the fact that electricity pylons here in Israel cause the death of vultures and other birds every year.

Highways all over the world account for the demise of millions of small mammals. None of this is desirable, but some of it may be unavoidable.

All in all, the objections to wind farms seem somewhat pale when you consider conventional power plants, which belch out excesses of carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, sulfur and a host of other pollutants.

So far, wind farms haven't been shown to cause human death, while respiratory diseases caused by fossil-fuel pollution are known to kill many people every year.

Even environmental purists are going to have to come to terms with the fact that all types of energy production have certain drawbacks, and that a balanced and judicious choice needs to be made between them.

If we must have energy to run our factories, as well as light, heat and cool our homes and perform a thousand other tasks, we are going to have to pay a price for it.

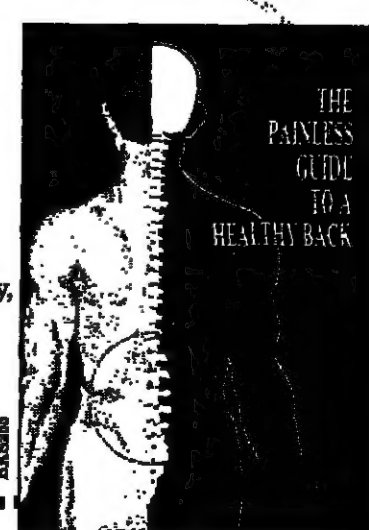
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It's the thought that counts



Aya's debut album is a jubilee gift to the nation.

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Sabra Sounds



By Shai Tsur

The nostalgia train keeps on rolling in Israeli music as the jubilee year draws to a

SHIRIM

SHEROLDU LEFANAI

Aya

Self-released

MISTOVEV

Doron Mazer

(Red Artzi)

close. Store shelves prominently feature best-of collections from forgotten artists, as well as discs filled with songs from the sundry "good old days." One recent example comes all the way from New York. Aya Azriel, who chooses to be called simply Aya, is an Israeli-born jewelry designer and businesswoman currently living in the Big Apple. For Israel's 50th anniversary, Aya decided to take her singing hobby one step further and (according to the liner notes) give the country her debut album as a birthday present.

Shirim Sheroldu Lefanai ("Songs Born Before Me") is a collection of songs which she heard from her mother while growing up in Ramat Yohanan with titles such as "The Pomegranate Tree" and "The Song of the Wanderer," big hits of the pre-state kibbutz days.

The tracks are of a genre once known as "shirai Eretz Yisrael hayafa vehatova" ("songs of the beautiful and good Eretz Yisrael"), mainly pastoral throwbacks extolling the landscape and praising the virtuous shepherds, sailors, and watchmen.

Aya obviously loves these songs, and her renditions are certainly earnest. Unfortunately, her voice has a thin, reedy quality which hampers her attempts to try out different singing styles.

Songs Born Before Me also suffers from a rather pedestrian musical production. These songs have been done so often before that just giving it a go with guitars and electric piano seems a bit uninspired.

To see this in action, one only has to compare Aya's basic take on "From Hill to Valley" with Ariel Zilber's version of the same song on his recent album, *Smoke Screen*.

Zilber takes this paean to the wandering shepherd and incorporates panpipes, a Middle Eastern orchestration, and his own throaty, evocative singing.

Granted, it is unfair to compare a singer with a self-released debut disc to an old pro like Zilber. Still, his version of "From Hill to Valley" evokes images of the biblical Judean hills while hers evokes images of Israeli song night at the local Jewish cultural center.

Songs Born Before Me is not a bad album, but nothing to write home about. As with some gifts, it's the thought that counts.

BACK on the subject of the nostalgia train, now is a good time to welcome back Doron Mazer, whose recent greatest-hits collection, *Mistovev* (loosely translated "Walking About"), should add a few more minutes of fame to his standing 15.

Walking About gathers songs from throughout Mazer's decade-and-a-half-long career. Although he is probably best known for 1985's "I'm Coming Home," Mazer had a string of hits throughout the '80s and early '90s such as "The Way You Are," "Yardena," and "Play me a Balalaika." These are all found here. The earlier songs are typical of their time, prominently featuring a fat synthesizer sound. The effect is cheesy, but charming in a retro way, not unlike the picture of a young Mazer with feathered hair and a skinny tie which graces the inside of the CD booklet.

But the collection also shows how far Mazer has progressed beyond mainstream pop. In an age where Israeli musicians increasingly fuse East and West, Mazer can be seen as a pioneer. Many of the songs work rock 'n' roll elements into Mizrahi music, or vice versa. Over the years, Mazer worked on Middle Eastern instruments, most notably the santur (a classical Persian string instrument played with small mallets), along with the guitars and synthesizers.

The collection also features two new songs that demonstrate how far this fusion has come. "Wild Silk" and "Walking Around" both feature lyrics by Hamutal Ben-Zeev and music by Mustafa Sandal. The tracks are a pleasant blend of laid-back Mizrahi with the hint of a dance beat.

Social climbing on Channel 1

By BARRY DAVIS

Channel 1's new four-part BBC series, *A Respectable Trade* (starting tonight at 10:30) is set in Bristol during the late 18th century when changes of great political and social import are clearly visible. Anti-slavery activist William Wilberforce, is starting to make inroads into a previously prosperous line of business and merchants in the so-called Africa Trade will soon find the going tough.

The heroine of the drama - written and adapted for television by Philippa Gregory from her own best-selling novel - is Frances Scott (Emma Fielding), a well-bred governess who is left penniless after the death of her country parson father. Unmarried and no longer in the first flush of youth, Miss Scott steps down a rung or two on the social ladder by accepting a proposal of marriage from the painfully awkward, uneducated and ambitious Josiah Cole (Warren Clarke). The social divide is manifest from the very beginning of the marriage as Mr. Cole, a self-made man, proudly proclaims that he was born "on the stone floor of a warehouse."

Frances has a lot to contend with. As she moves into her new quarters, she surveys her room with more than a modicum of disdain.

However, realizing that she will have to make compromises as the wife of a man of lower station in life, she girds her loins and sets about taking on the role of the devoted wife and mistress of the house.

First, she has to arrive at a modus vivendi with her new sister-in-law - the unmarried Sarah - who, prior to her brother's marriage, had ruled the roost unchallenged, but is now forced to defer to Frances in all matters relating to running domestic affairs. When Frances asks for her help with learning the ropes, Sarah brusquely informs Frances that she will have to manage on her own. Even Frances's observation that, unlike Sarah, she was "taught the value of civility" does not produce so much as a dent in the stony-faced Sarah's veneer.

Frances's road to marital bliss has an inauspicious beginning as, instead of showing his bride around her new home, hubby Josiah retreats to the familiar, exclusively male ambience of the local inn where he imbibes a generous amount of alcohol before unsteadily wending his merry way home.

Meanwhile, his blushing bride's butterflies and anticipation of the consummation of her marriage have given way to exhaustion, but she awakes when her knight in white nightshirt finally makes it to the nuptial bedroom.

"Do you wish to come to bed, husband?" asks Frances hesitantly. "Thank you, I'm obliged," replies our somewhat less than dashing, but impeccably mannered Josiah before slipping under the covers for a perfunctory exercise of conjugal rights.

The ulterior motive for Josiah's interest in Frances's hand in marriage soon becomes apparent as a small group of slaves arrive and are led, in chains, to the cellar of the Cole household. Frances is appalled at the state of the slaves; however, Sarah assures her that such is the natural condition of slaves, and that the new arrivals "won't look so bad once they've been cleaned up." Sarah also explains that marrying Josiah comes with the caveat of serving as the slaves' English teacher.

Try as she may, Frances is having a hard time coming to terms with certain facts of life from which she was formerly sheltered. She asks God to instill her with a sense of obedience, but there are more storm clouds brewing.

Once again, the social chasm between those who have already made their way up the social ladder and the still-climbing Josiah comes to the fore when Josiah ingratiates himself with a wealthy slave trader by agreeing to provide him with a female slave "for a bit of sport." As Frances keeps the key to the slaves' cellar, Josiah requires her complicity in the nefarious deed and she manages to incite her new husband's ire by questioning his motives.

It is oft said that there is none more snobbish than the social climber, and Josiah demonstrates the point when he opines that, were it not for slave trading, "we'd be no better than the peasants in Scotland."

We are left in suspense at the end of the first part of the series as there is a hint of something palpably more than naive curiosity in the way Frances eyes one of the male slaves. Could it be that our well-bred lady of the Manor is preparing for a leap across the cultural divide?



The ambitious Josiah Cole (Warren Clarke, right) says he was born 'on the stone floor of a warehouse.'

The demands of a 70-year-old maestro

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

It is common knowledge among orchestras that rehearsals, regardless of when they start, always end on time. But last Wednesday the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra remained on stage at the Marm Auditorium in Tel Aviv for almost 20 extra minutes.

The reason was German-born maestro Christoph von Dohnanyi, music director of the Cleveland Orchestra, who was working with the musicians on the orchestral program which he will conduct tonight at 8:30 at the Marm Auditorium.

After the rehearsal, the 70-year-old maestro, whose gray hair stands out majestically against his all-black clothing, says that "the average guest conductor today does not like to work, but I am different. I always work and a lot. We had five rehearsals for this concert and I needed all of them, because this is quite a difficult program for the orchestra."

The maestro was referring to the three symphonic works on the program - Brahms's Second Symphony, Prokofiev's First ("Classical") Symphony and the Bartok *Divergence* for Strings.

"Orchestras and the box office prefer programs with soloists but I like programs with no soloists as well, despite the fact that it is always harder and demands much more from the orchestra."

As music director of one of the most European of the American orchestras, Von Dohnanyi knows very well that the success of running a symphony orchestra in the US is finding the right balance "between the people and the audience. It's arrogant to ignore the audience, after all you play for the people, but you can always play the music you believe in."

On the whole, he is against the current trend of crossover between classical music and pop. Crossing over, he says, means that many

commercial use classical music as background. He abhors the idea. "I'm against using great music to advertise a mediocre product. Music should show a little something above marketing. After all, making money with music should never be a priority."

Yet, if money is made, Von Dohnanyi has a very clear notion of how he would like to see it used, even if the idea is utopian. "People should take royalties from the works of Mozart and other composers whose works are often used in commercials simply because they are beyond copyright, and the money should be used to support contemporary music."

Von Dohnanyi does say that classical music must become more accessible to younger audiences. "I want to create a stronger relationship with the community and with students. I want the orchestra on the radio at least 26 times a year. I believe we have to open ourselves and the music we play to younger audi-

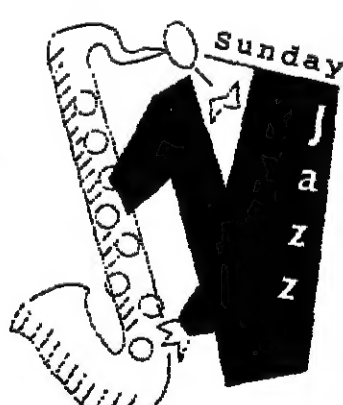
ences and at the same time be more open to the music they enjoy."

During World War II, Von Dohnanyi lived with his grandfather, Erno von Dohnanyi - a renowned Hungarian pianist and composer - in the US. Von Dohnanyi's father, meanwhile, served as an officer in the German army and tried to conspire against Hitler, but was caught and executed.

"I don't want to escape my history. But I consider the Germany of today to be one of the most democratic countries in the world. And believe me, what my father did is much more important for me than what my grandfather did."

"People like my father showed the rest of the world that you do not have to accept reality. The truth is that I would have felt real bad if my father had acted differently. I believe the lesson the world learned from that time is that military superiority is much less important and relevant than human superiority."

Between bop & a hard place



By David Isaacson

Three new rereleases by an alto, a tenor, and a baritone showcase the sound of the sax family's three brothers within the

THE CHAMP

Sonny Stitt

(Jazz Ear)

SENIOR COOKIN'

Junior Cook

(Jazz Ear)

BLUE SERGE

Serge Chaloff

(NMC)

hard bop and post-bop genres. Alto (and sometime tenor) Sonny Stitt never quite shook off his reputation as a Charlie Parker disciple. On 1973's *The Champ* however, he shows that he could be his own man, and a very listenable one at that.

There are boppy numbers on *The Champ*. The title track is a Dizzy Gillespie song and throughout it's impossible to miss Bird's influence. But there's much more than that too. "Sweet and Lovely" is an appropriate description of a standard to which Stitt brings new life whether soloing, or trading phrases with trumpeter Joe Newman. The latter was a member of Count Basie's band for a number of years - apparently Basie loved to play Newman's "The Midgets," here performed with the excellent Duke Jordan on piano.

The standout track is a near-10 minute "Walkin'." Stitt slows down the choruses and treats them as bookends, letting the five-piece band fill the shelf in between with a delightful display of post-bop light swing.

The title motif - the cover features illustrations of some two dozen boxers - is a cute reminder of the often close relationship between jazz and boxing.

TENOR Junior Cook's *Senior Cookin'* is a rerelease of the seven-piece *Good Cookin'* (1979) and the more intimate four-piece *Somethin's Cookin'* (1981). Recorded two decades after Cook's heyday as a Horace Silver and Blue Mitchell sideman, *Good Cookin'* presents the sound of a hard bopper par excellence. The long experience and shared vision of former Jazz Messengers Bill Hardman (trumpet) and Slide Hampton (trombone), as well as that of former Cannonball Adderley bassist Walter

Booker combine to produce a relaxed, confident, relatively laid-back sound. Overall, a reflective maturity takes the place of hard bop's urgency.

In the disc's quieter second half, Cook starts to soar. Playing with a quartet, he shows that he didn't need the support of a horn section. Billy Higgins (drums) and Buster Williams (bass) keep consistently interesting rhythms real tight, allowing Cook and pianist Cedar Walton to float away with their solos. *Somethin's Cookin'* exemplifies the art of both the tenor saxman and the classic quartet.

A BOSTON native like Stitt, Serge Chaloff was that rare animal, a baritone. So the lead provides the bottom, and in Chaloff's case, quite a beautiful one it is too. Fronting a very fine quartet - Sonny Clark, Leroy Vinnegar and, more famously, Philly Joe Jones - he plays sparingly, allowing his deep, rich sound to resonate.

Whether laying down a straight and gorgeous "Stairway to the Stars," a wacky, jamming "I've Got the World on a String" or his own post-bop "Susie's Blues," Chaloff causes one to wonder at the paucity of baritone. Had he not added his name to the illustrious roster of jazz casualties at the age of 33 in 1957, Chaloff might well have become a bigger name.

For some time, *Blue Serge* was available only as a four-disc set. This "mid-price" single album suggests that the box set might well be worth the investment.



Matchmaker, matchmaker

Who needs an enemy when you have a best friend like Kuchner (Avichail Kuchner, above left, with Gitta Munte and Rami Baruch)? Kuchner, who has just got married, is determined to marry off his dithering bachelor buddy Podkolyosin (Rami Baruch), who, just by chance, has been pursuing the state that everybody calls blessed all by himself. He's even enlisted the services of redoubtable matchmaker Madame Fyokla (Gitta Munte) who's come up with the perfect candidate. Of course, Agafya (Yael Leventhal) is not terribly rich, bright or pretty. All this went on stage last night in the Tel Aviv Cameri Theater production of Nikolai Gogol's 1842 comedy 'Matchmaking,' adapted and directed by Micki Gurevitch. Gogol's comedy made fun of his society's pretensions and Gurevitch sees the same pretensions of status, style and attitudes in our own.

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Curing disease by 'reprogramming' cells

Gene therapy is regarded as one of the most promising means of curing a whole gamut of diseases. Judy Siegel-Itzkovich spoke to liver expert Dr. Eithan Galun about a futuristic field

The Hadassah Medical Organization has spent \$10 million in donations on a new institute using techniques that have been tried on some 5,000 patients around the world – but haven't yet cured a single one.

Is this reckless? Apparently not; the field is gene therapy, and, despite the difficulties, it's regarded among scientists everywhere as one of the most promising means of curing a whole gamut of diseases.

Is there any chance of Hadassah abandoning the field if it keeps coming up against inadequate results?

"No chance, at least for the next 30 years," declares Dr. Eithan Galun with a grin. Galun, a hepatologist (liver expert), is the newly appointed director of the Goldyne Savad Institute of Gene Therapy, located on the second floor of the Hadassah Mother and Child Center on the Ein Kerem campus.

Savad, a 91-year-old California philanthropist who made her fortune through an incisive understanding of the stock market, gave \$5 million to establish the center in her name. The rest of the funds came from Selma and Norman Kron, the Jewish community of Greensborough in North Carolina, and other donors.

"There is nothing like this in the entire Middle East," says Galun, showing off the roomy facility.

The whole floor, ventilated by a completely separate air-conditioning system, has advanced labs for cellular and molecular research; a pharmacogenomic diagnostic unit for molecular screening of gene expression in single cells and telemedicine communications, as well as a vector development service unit. There is a good-manufacturing-process production facility with "clean rooms" to produce vectors for clinical trials; and a clinical ward for treating children and adults.

Although there are no patients yet for inclusion in clinical trials, the two-bed patient rooms have special TV sets to allow children to continue their classroom studies while they are away from school.

"There are four or five gene therapy centers in Europe and about 20 in the US, but no one else is

using our concept," says Galun, who spent two years researching the hepatitis B and C viruses at Harvard University.

Gene therapy, of course, owes its birth to the discovery almost half a century ago of the double-helical structure of DNA, the basic building block of the body's 80,000 genes.

"We know now that so many diseases are the result of an inborn error or later change in the normal DNA continuum," Galun explains.

GENES vary according to the sequence of the four nucleotides that form the particular DNA makeup of the genes. These four are like letters of the alphabet that appear in patterns, just as words do.

But instead of an incorrect letter causing a misspelling, the wrong sequence – either inherited or mutated by the environment during one's lifetime – can cause the lack of an enzyme or other problem, resulting in disease.

The Human Genome Program, due to end in 2003 with the mapping out of man's entire collection of genes, will finally establish what the normal sequences are.

No country allows modification of human sex cells, (ova or sperm), which determine the characteristics to be passed on to the next generation. In gene therapy, genes are intentionally introduced in human somatic (body) cells; gene therapy thus seems an obvious and ideal replacement for conventional medications, treatments and operations.

Theoretically, one just has to introduce a healthy gene into the body of a patient, or even fetus still in the womb, via a vector – the agent or carrier of the repair gene – to "reprogram" the body's cells and cure the disease.

"It's like socialism," Galun explains. "If something is lacking, you give the person a gene to produce the substance that's missing. If they have too much of something, you take it away."

The vector can then turn the target cell into a mini-factory to produce a controlled-release therapeutic protein generating tissues with entirely new properties. For example, an adenovirus, which



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infected liver or lung cells, can be used to introduce a repair gene, but the danger is that the immune system attacks it.

"So we try to prevent the immune system from launching an

attack. In the future, it may be possible to use a small sequence of the HIV virus (which, in natural form, causes AIDS) that would overcome the resistance of the body's immune system without causing the disease.

"Nearly any type of microbe could be used; maybe even *Salmonella* bacteria, which in their regular form can cause potentially fatal gastrointestinal infections."

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A number of gene therapy attempts have made headlines around the world during the past dozen years.

The most famous ones involved inserting a gene in the cells of babies with severe combined immunodeficiency disease (SCID), better known as "bubble babies," whose immune system is non-existent and requires that they be kept isolated in a bubble to keep microbes away.

However, since these babies also had to be given a vital protein to keep them alive, it later appeared that this was the reason for their survival, and that the gene didn't express itself in their cells.

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cells using a harmless virus called SV40 (simian virus). Although successful on human bone marrow in the lab, the technique still has to prove itself in human trials – and even then, giving it to patients is still several years away.

Prof. Ariella Oppenheim, a Hadassah colleague of Galun who conducts gene therapy research in the hematology department, notes that gene therapy "is a very futuristic and promising field. But there are many problems, including ethical ones."

"It's been difficult finding the proper animal models, and even when patients have shown improvement, it's difficult to prove that this is due to the gene therapy."

"It's also highly interdisciplinary, requiring a team effort of geneticists, physicians, virologists and others to find the answers."

Now, with the new institute, some 30 gene therapy groups at Hadassah's two campuses have already signed up to use the facilities.

"Gene therapy is like a well. Any of the researchers can 'drink' from it and use the results in their own specific field," Galun notes. "I myself will apply it to my work on liver disease. It's a tool that can be applied in nearly every medical field."

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RECENT advances abroad include the use of gene therapy to change the color-producing cells in albino mice from white to black.

This was accomplished recently by scientists at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

Not only have the cells turned black, the scientists showed for the first time that such changes are both permanent and can be passed to offspring.

"Melanin-producing cells become normal, changing albino to black," says Dr. Kyonggeun Yoon Yoon, who was involved in the study, published in *Nature Biotechnology*. "Once the mutation is corrected, it takes five or six days for the entire biochemical process to begin producing melanin."

The doctor stressed, however, that the gene-repair technique is far from perfected.

"Much more research is needed to improve the technique and make this technology generally applicable. Skin is an ideal organ on which to test the technology, since it is accessible and can be monitored."

Gene therapy has been tried on heart patients to stimulate the growth of new blood vessels that bypass clogged arteries and provide increased blood flow to the organ, according to scientists in Boston.

They treated 30 people with the technique; most patients have reported decreased chest pain and improved quality of life following the therapy.

But since more than 4,000 diseases are due to single defective genes, efforts to find a cure by repairing patients' genes will continue, despite the setbacks.

And Hadassah – with its well-equipped institute and highly trained researchers – wants to be among those who announce the breakthroughs.

Putting a mouse where the brain is

By LORI WIECHMAN

A Star Trek-type implant that enables direct communication between the brain and a computer is allowing a paralyzed, mute stroke victim in the US to mobilize his brainpower to use a computer. He can now move a cursor across a screen and convey simple messages such as "hello" and "good-bye."

Researchers believe the tiny implant, the size of the tip of a ballpoint pen, is the first device that allows direct communication between the brain and a computer.

"Of all things people lose, the ability to communicate is the most frightening thing – to know what you want to say and not be able to say it," said Dr. Warren Selman, a neurosurgeon at University Hospitals of Cleveland, who is not involved in the research. "This is the first step to unlocking that."

Doctors implanted a device into the 53-year-old man's brain that amplifies his brain signals. Those signals are then transmitted to a laptop computer through an antenna-like coil placed on his head.

Like a computer mouse, the brain signals can move a cursor across the computer screen and point at icons, with messages such as "See you later. Nice talking with you."

The man can also use the cursor to tell others that he is hungry or thirsty.

"It's like we're making the mouse the patient's brain," said Dr. Roy Bakay, one of two Emory University doctors who developed the technology.

Eventually, researchers hope to use the technology to teach patients to write letters, send e-mail and turn lights off and on via computer.

"It opens up a very exciting new chapter in rehabilitation for such patients," said Dr. William Friedman, program director and associate chairman of neurosurgery at the University of Florida.



Shades of science fiction: A tiny implant that allows direct communication between the brain and a computer. (Carnegie Press Ltd.)

The first human patient, a woman suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease, was able to control computer signals for 76 days before she died. J.R. is the doctors' second patient.

The US National Institutes of Health have awarded funding to continue research on at least one more patient.

For more than a decade, some paralyzed people have communicated with a computer program that translates their coded blinking into letters on a screen.

J.R. can blink, but "I think he enjoys doing this," Bakay said.

Selman expressed caution about using the technology on anybody except patients with long-term paralysis.

"You'd hate to put something in somebody in an area they're going to recover," he said. (AP)

Follicles needn't be fleeting phenomena

By SHARON FARMET

Real help for baldies may be on the way. An American research team, aided by a Weizmann Institute graduate doing post-doctoral work at the University of Chicago, have apparently discovered the long-sought message that instructs embryonic cells to become hair follicles.

The researchers, at the university's Howard Hughes Institute, have managed to induce hair follicle formation in the mature skin cells of mice. Follicle formation is a once-in-a-lifetime event that ordinarily happens only during early embryogenesis.

Their findings, reported in a recent issue of *Cell*, indicate that a molecule called beta-catenin may be the signal that commands embryonic cells to become hair follicles, suggesting possible treatments for premature baldness.

"Beta-catenin can cause adult epithelial cells to revert to an embryonic-like state where they have the ability to choose to become a hair follicle," says Elaine Fuchs, a professor in the departments of molecular genetics and cell biology and lead author of the paper.

"This is exciting, because current treatments for baldness only work if there are living follicles left, or if the patient undergoes hair transplant surgery. Our research shows that new follicles

can be created from adult skin cells if certain molecular players are induced to act."

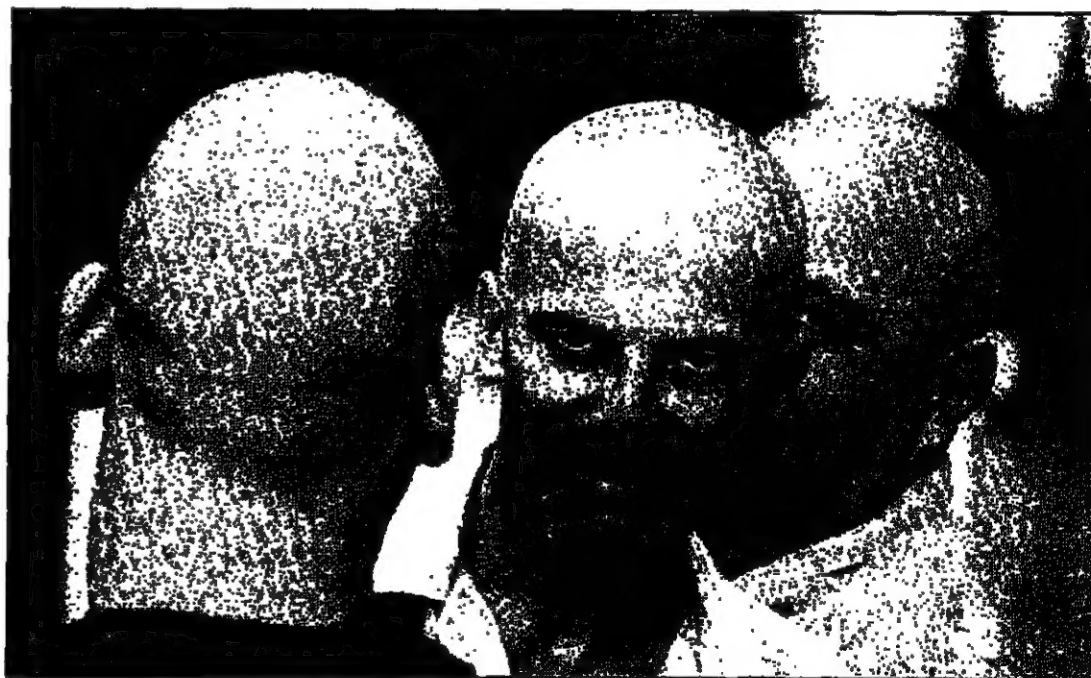
Beta-catenin performs two very different functions. In adult epithelial cells, it participates in binding neighboring cells together to facilitate cell-cell communication. But during embryogenesis, beta-catenin appears to have another role: It reacts with a molecule called LEF-1, which is expressed only in cells that will eventually become hair follicles.

Together, beta-catenin and LEF-1 form a transcription factor that binds to the cell's DNA and activates the genes that instruct the cell to become a hair follicle.

Dr. Uri Gat, who received his master's degree and Ph.D. at Weizmann in Rehovot and is doing research in Fuchs's lab, created mice that constantly produced a stabilized form of beta-catenin in their skin; normally, any excess beta-catenin that is not needed for cell-cell adhesion is quickly degraded.

"The process caused some epidermal cells to make the partner molecule, LEF-1," explains Fuchs. "Wherever both stabilized beta-catenin and LEF-1 were present in an epithelial cell, a new hair follicle formed. If we can induce those two partners at the right time, new hair could be formed in places where it has been lost."

The genetically engineered mice were exceptionally hairy. In some mice, most skin cells



Bald can be beautiful – but for those who don't think so, exciting new help may be on the way. (Nahum Guttman)

became hair follicles.

UNLIKE in embryogenesis, however, the genetically engineered skin of the transgenic mice made an endless supply of beta-catenin and benign follicle tumors formed – "a case of too much of a good thing leading to a bad thing," says Fuchs.

She cautions that more work is

needed on these exciting findings before hair growth can be induced without danger of unwanted side effects.

"If we can find a way to transiently express beta-catenin in these skin cells, just until new follicles are established, and then turn it off, we may be able to prevent tumor formation and still allow hair follicles to form," says

Fuchs. The flip side, she says, is that the findings may also provide a potential tool to stop unwanted hair growth by inhibiting the pathway. There could also be applications in the agricultural industry, for example, to engineer sheep with denser wool or thicker skin. (University of Chicago News Service)

Women health workers suffer unkindest cuts of all

Health Scan



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Women, mostly nurses, who work in the health system are most at risk of needle pricks, scalp cuts or other exposure to patients' body fluids. These accidents occur most often in operating theaters and internal medicine departments, according to an article in the latest issue of *Harefuah*.

Written by infectious disease experts at Barzilai Hospital in Ashkelon, the report said only 22% of needle pricks and other such accidents involve men. From March 1995 to March 1996, 103 such incidents were reported to the hospital's committee for infectious disease control.

Only about 74% of those involved had been previously vaccinated against hepatitis B, even though an injection offers lifelong protection from the viral disease (which, after the initial infection, can produce either liver cancer or chronic liver disease decades in carriers).

There is no vaccine for hepatitis C, which is also a risk, or against AIDS.

The authors report that the risk of contracting hepatitis C from being exposed to blood or other bodily fluids at work is 2.7% to 10%; of contracting hepatitis B: 5%. Infection with HIV is much less likely – just 0.3%.

People who've been exposed to the blood or other fluids of HIV carriers are usually treated immediately with zidovudine, a protease inhibitor, in an attempt to knock out the virus.

Barzilai staffers recently instituted an efficient protocol for dealing with these accidents. Victims' blood is tested immediately to determine whether antibodies have appeared.

The authors note that most of the incidents can be prevented – by more careful contact with receptacles for used needles and improved education campaigns among workers. In addition, they recommend that everyone should be vaccinated against hepatitis B since 5% of the population are carriers, and only one in 10 is aware of it.

MOTHER KNOWS BEST

Pregnancy and nursing may make women smarter, according to evidence from lab studies on mice. Hormones released during pregnancy and nursing enrich parts of the mother's brain involved in learning and memory, it was reported at a recent meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in the US.

The results of the mice study, carried out by neuroscientists at the University of Richmond and Macon College in Virginia, are inconsistent with research at the University of Southern California indicating that pregnant women perform poorly on cognitive tests designed to test memory, percep-

tual speed and learning ability. But some researchers have attributed feelings of fuzzy-mindedness among many expectant mothers to emotional stress from pregnancy, which provokes higher levels of a hormone called cortisol that interferes with memory.

The new animal study suggested that a pregnant animal's behavior changes significantly because of a permanent shift in the brain.

"Pregnancy, a perfectly natural biological experience for the female, appears to mark the brain for a lifetime," the researchers said.

Special brain-cell structures called dendrites, necessary for communication between neurons, are doubled in pregnant and nursing lab mice; at the same time, the number of the brain's glial cells, which act as scaffolding and communication conduits, also doubled.

The pregnant mice were bolder, more curious and energetic; they also learned mazes more quickly, made fewer mistakes and retained their new knowledge longer – and the effects appeared to be long-lasting.

GETTING THE MESSAGE ACROSS

Magen David Adom plans to petition the High Court of Justice against the Israel Broadcasting Authority's refusal to broadcast free public service announcements informing citizens how to call 101 for help.

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Asked about the declaration of Palestinian statehood, Arafat indicated he was making no ultimatum, but said that "every effort" must be made to reach an agreement and to delineate the borders of the Palestinian state before May 4, 1999.

MK Yossi Beilin, speaking at the same meeting, suggested a possible compromise on the independence issue, proposing that the Palestinians might wait until 2001

for independence in exchange for Israel agreeing to withdraw from a larger amount of territory than is currently called for. But he admitted that he believes that neither the Palestinians nor the Israeli government would find that acceptable.

"It would be difficult for the Palestinians to extend the five years," they have already waited, he said. David Bar-Ilan, Netanyahu's communications director, told the AP that Arafat's statements regarding the Palestinian state were "certainly" not the sort of retraction the government was waiting for in order to continue with redeploy-

ment implementation.

Meanwhile, the Palestinians are scheduled to move ahead with their side of the implementation. The Palestinian Central Council is to meet on Thursday in Gaza to approve the nullification of the Palestinian Charter sections calling for Israel's destruction. Then, on December 14, the Palestinian National Council is to convene to hear speeches by Clinton and Arafat, and reaffirm the nullification. Israel maintains that the affirmation must be done by a vote.

Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.

FRIENDLY

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There was more shelling of positions in the western and eastern sectors on Friday morning, prior to the friendly fire incident. The IDF Spokesman said planes then struck at guerrilla targets in the northeastern sector of the security zone.

Friday night, IAF warplanes again raided targets in the area after an SLA soldier was lightly wounded by long-range mortar fire on an outpost near Kawkabeh village in the eastern sector of the

zone.

Israel yesterday submitted a fresh complaint to the Grapes of Wrath monitoring group over the firing of mortars from A-Sevna village, near Majdal Salim, during the exchanges on Friday, in breach of the understandings.

There were reports of more long-range mortar attacks on IDF and SLA positions in the western sector of the zone yesterday. AP reported that Israeli coast guards fired on Lebanese fishing boats off Tyre yesterday, slightly wounding a fisherman, Lebanese security officials said.

In a separate incident, the accidental explosion of a hand grenade killed a member of a pro-Israeli militia and his girlfriend in a house in Rneish village in south Lebanon, the security officials said. In the fishing boat incident, Hassan Seknani, 27, was admitted to a hospital with a bullet wound in his right arm.

"A gunboat started flashing its lights toward us," Seknani told a local television channel. "It opened heavy fire on us. Before I knew it, I felt that I was hit," he said. The IDF spokesman declined to comment on the incident.

SAUDIS

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"Why the rush to judgment?" asked Foxman, who then answered his own question: "If you say he is a saint, and you act like he is a saint, and tomorrow he is worshipped as a saint, then how can you ask whether he was good, whether he acted, whether he was moral? You've resolved it - he's a saint." Foxman said the issue of sainthood for Pope Pius was just one example of recent tension between the Jewish community and the Catholic church, citing also the move to beatify Edith Stein, the Jew who converted to Catholicism and became a nun, and who was killed at Auschwitz.

LEVY

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The feeling is that Levy is getting back at Netanyahu for dropping the idea of merging Geshar back into the Likud and of co-opting hundreds of unelected Geshar delegates to the 2,700-member elected Likud central committee.

For Levy the merger is a matter of political survival, as Geshar is given no chance of even passing the Knesset threshold in the next elections.

Angry at his failure so far, Levy upped the ante and opted for the finance portfolio instead of national infrastructure. The consensus in the Likud, however, is that he may go back to infrastructure after he has

gained all he can from bargaining over finance. Levy, say Likud sources, may be covertly hoping for a merger deal under the guise of haggling about the budget.

In the Likud, meanwhile, there is great bafflement over contradictory statements from Tzomet leader Rafael Eitan. On Wednesday night Eitan met Netanyahu and declared that he will not support the early elections bill, as he had previously threatened to do, because of the cabinet's decision to suspend the Wye process.

On Thursday night Eitan met Labor chairman Ehud Barak and told him he would support early elections "because the time has come to put things to the electorate. A lot has changed since the last elections."

Roy, Hasek play shutout games



NEW YORK (AP) — Patrick Roy is coming back. Dominik Hasek never left.

Both goal-tenders were at the top of their form Friday night as Roy led Colorado to a 2-0 victory over St. Louis and Hasek backstopped Buffalo to a 3-0 decision over Philadelphia.

It was an especially meaningful performance for Roy, who had been off to the worst start of his career.

"I'm told I am not a good shutout goaltender," Roy said after stopping 25 shots for his first shutout of the season and 42nd of his career. "The bottom line was we won."

Hasek, meanwhile, made 31 saves for his fourth shutout of the season and 37th of his career. "Most of their shots I could see," said the two-time Hart Trophy winner as league MVP. "My defense did a good job in front of me."

Avalanche 2, Blues 0 Peter Forsberg had a goal and an assist as the Avalanche beat the visiting Blues.

Aaron Miller had a goal and Joe Sakic two assists for the Avalanche. Both goals came on shifts of the Forsberg-Sakic-Miller Hejduk line that played its second game as a unit.

Roy and Colorado have really turned things around of late. Since an 0-4-1 start, the worst in franchise history, the Avalanche are 10-7-1 and are five points behind Edmonton for the lead in the Northwest Division.

Goaltender Jamie McLennan made 14 saves for St. Louis.

"We couldn't get our offense started," the Blues' Pierre Turgeon said. "Patrick was fantastic, but we struggled to get up and down the

ice all night."

Sabres 3, Flyers 0 Geoff Sanderson, Darryl Shannon and Brian Holzinger scored for the Sabres, who were outshot 31-15. Buffalo is 7-0-1 in its last eight home games this season.

Flyers captain Eric Lindros was ejected for a slashing incident late in the first period.

Lindros slashed Sabres defenseman Jay McKee and drew a game misconduct with 43 seconds left in the first period. The penalty left the Flyers shorthanded for five minutes, and the Sabres unloaded six shots on the power play and scored for a 3-0 lead two minutes into the second period.

"Losing (Lindros) wasn't the reason we lost," said Flyers center Rod Brind'Amour. "It was because we were down 2-0 in the first five minutes... especially to Hasek."

Canadiens 1, Devils 1 Dave Andreychuk scored on a 35-foot slap shot with 1:33 to play in regulation as the Devils continued their home domination of Montreal.

The tie extended the Devils' home unbeaten streak against Montreal to 11 games (8-0-3) and extended New Jersey's current overall run to 11-3-2.

Vladimir Malakhov had given Montreal the lead late in the second period with a slap shot from straight on that Martin Brodeur never had a chance to stop.

Hurricanes 3, Penguins 3 Dan Kesa scored his first goal of the season with 10:35 left as the Penguins rallied for a tie to snap the Hurricanes' season-high four-game winning streak.

The Penguins, who were 6-0 against Carolina last season, improved to 8-0-3 against the Hurricanes in their last 11 games.

Thunder's results: Wednesday, Los Angeles 1, Anaheim 1; Thursday, Calgary 4, Tampa Bay 1.

Kesa's third career goal was set up with a perfect centering pass to the slot by Martin Staska.

Capitals 5, Islanders 1 Rick Tabaracci made 22 saves, including one on a penalty shot, for his first victory this season, as Washington broke a three-game losing streak.

The Capitals scored four goals on five shots in the third, including the first two shorthanded goals allowed this season by the Islanders, who have the league's top power-play unit.

Calle Johansson scored back-to-back to break a 1-1 tie, and Peter Bondra and Steve Konowalchuk followed with goals 52 seconds apart on the same Islanders power play.

Lightning 2, Oilers 1 Corey Schwab made 34 saves as the visiting Lightning beat the Oilers, ending a nine-game losing streak.

Wendell Clark scored the game-winner on a backhand at 9:55 of the third period, his 12th goal.

Mikael Renberg opened the scoring on a power play at 15:17 of the first period. Dean McAmmond scored for Edmonton at 6:59 of the third.

Red Wings 2, Sharks 2 Ron Stern and Tony Granato

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Washington	8	12	3	19	54	67
Tampa Bay	7	15	2	16	51	88

scored in the third period to lift the host Sharks to a comeback tie with the Red Wings.

First-period goals by Detroit's Aaron Ward and Uwe Krupp had held up until midway through the final period.

The Sharks then scored with 11:06 left in the game when Stern connected from short range after an assist from behind the net by Mike Ricci. Granato tied the game with 5:35 remaining when he scored from eight feet out after another assist from Ricci.

Canucks 4, Stars 1 Markus Naslund scored three goals and Garth Snow stopped 36 shots as Vancouver snapped a six-game winless streak.

Mark Messier had two assists and Donald Brashear added a goal as the Canucks won for the first time since November 19 after going 0-5-1.

The win was also Vancouver's first in nine straight meetings against opponents with plus-500 records.

The victory was the 501st of Canucks coach Mike Keenan's 14-year NHL career, moving him alone into fifth place - one ahead of Montreal Canadiens coaching great The Blake - on the all-time list.

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	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	13	10	1	27	73	60
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Vancouver	13	2	2	27	73	73
Calgary	9	13	2	20	67	71

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	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	14	3	2	30	56	30
Dallas	13	5	3	29	57	43
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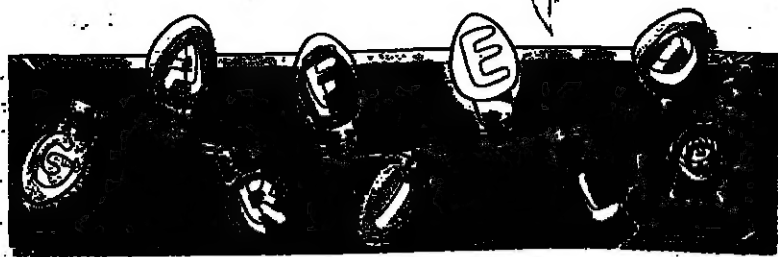
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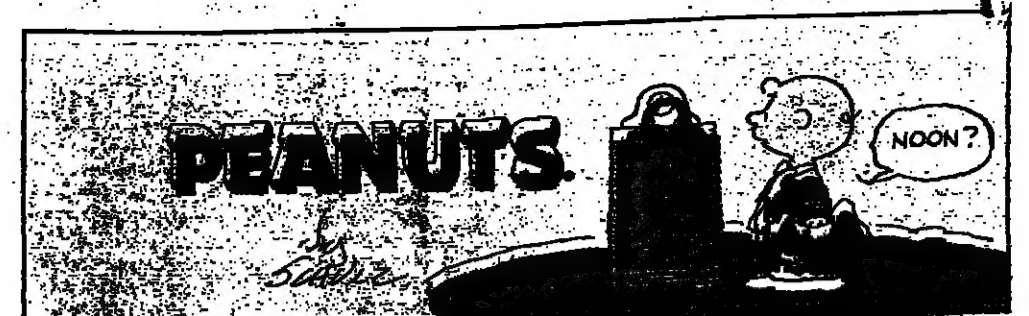
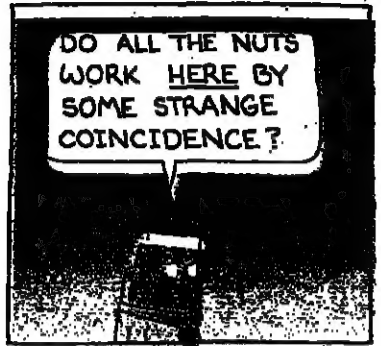
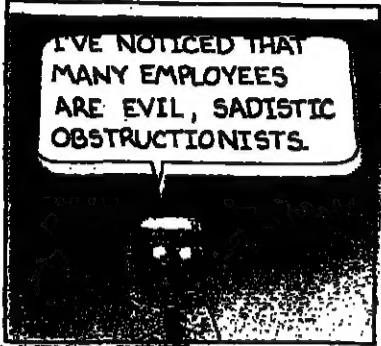
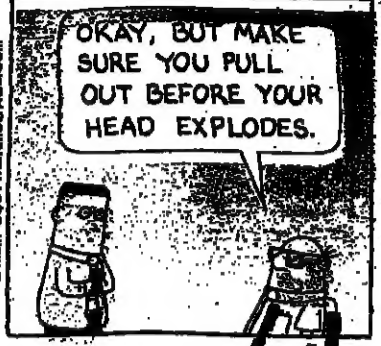
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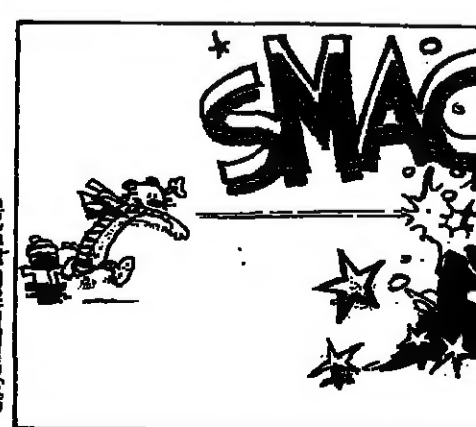
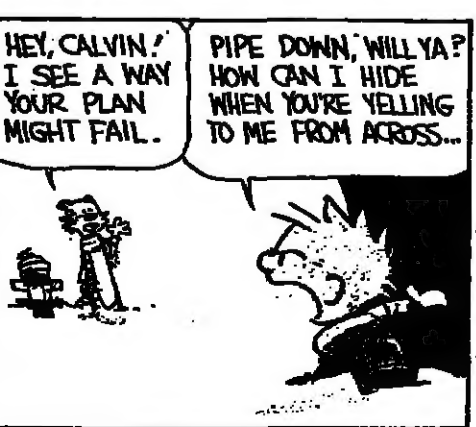
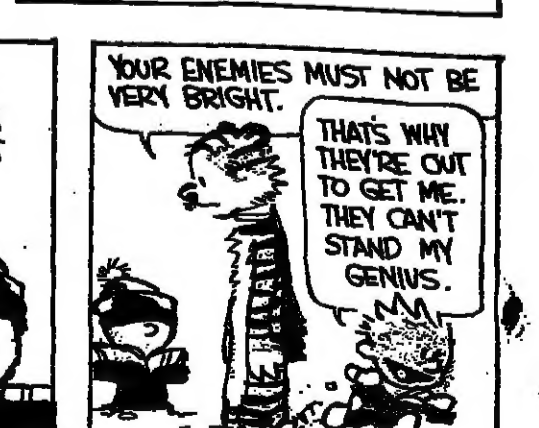
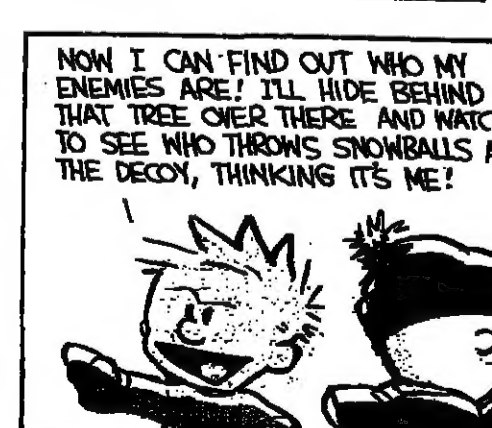
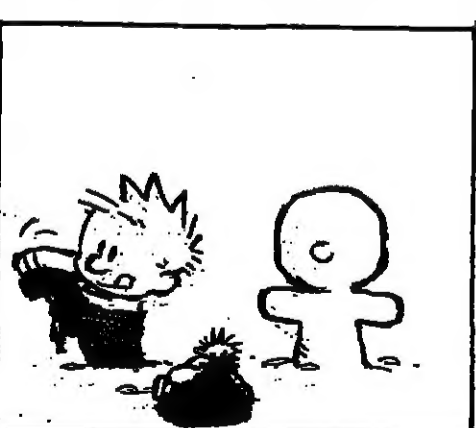
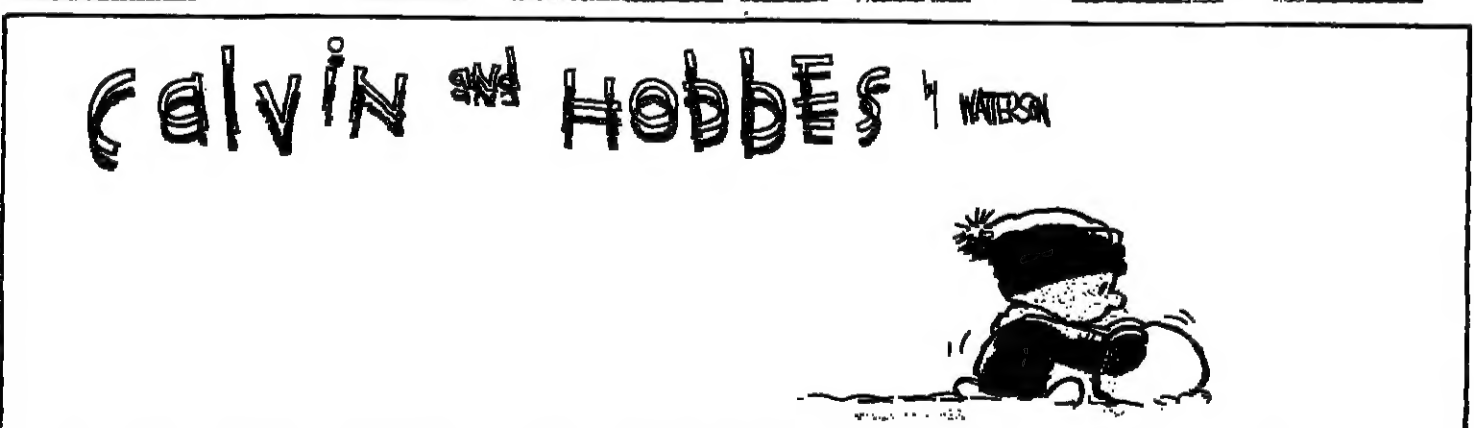
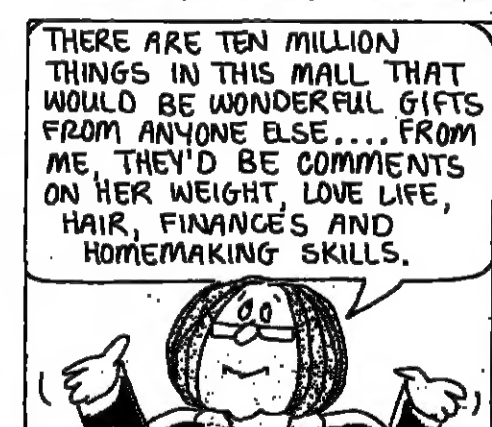
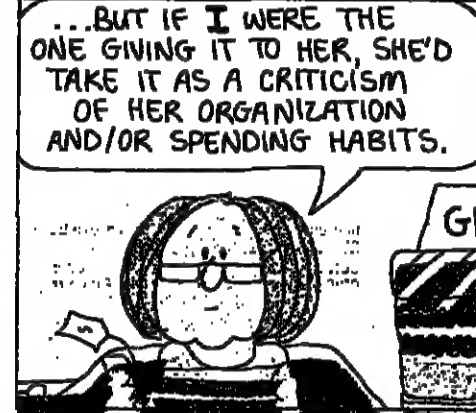
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Appleby in 3rd-round lead

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

ADELAIDE (AP) — Australian golfer Stuart Appleby fought the Royal Adelaide wind and rough yesterday to shoot an even-par 72 and take a one-stroke lead into the final round of the Australian Open.

Appleby, the first-round leader, has a one-stroke lead over England's Nick Faldo and Australian Greg Chalmers (74). Faldo and Appleby played in the same pairing yesterday, with Faldo also shooting 72 after starting off with three consecutive birdies.

The Australian has a three-round total of 1-over 217. Two Australians are tied for fourth with 3-over 219 totals — Peter Senior (76) and Rodney Pampling (77) — a stroke back of Faldo and Chalmers.

Australians Rodger Davis and Robert Allenby, each with 75s yesterday, are three off the lead.

There are 23 golfers within six shots of the lead, including Nick O'Hern of Australia, who had the day's best round with a 2-under 70, putting him on 221, four strokes back.

Appleby would have had a 2-stroke cushion if not for a bogey on 18 — and it could have been worse. His approach shot skipped over one bunker and landed in the second to the right of the flag.

His shot out of the bunker just cleared the lip, settling on the fringe of the green and leaving him a difficult 25-footer for par. He missed the par attempt but tapped in for bogey.

Springboks fail in record bid

England snatch 13-7 shock victory over South Africa

LONDON (Reuters) — England deprived world champions South Africa of a unique place in rugby union history yesterday when they snatched a shock 13-7 victory through the boot of a player who has hardly taken a goal kick all season.

The Springboks were looking for a world record of 18 consecutive test victories at Twickenham, breaking a New Zealand record which had stood since 1969.

But two second-half penalties from scrumhalf Matt Dawson, a replacement goalkicker who usually leaves the kicking duties for club and country to Paul Grayson, sealed a major upset for England.

It was England's first victory over a southern hemisphere nation since 1995 and their first defeat of the Springboks since 1994.

The two teams had gone into the interval 7-7 after two well-worked tries from South African winger Pieter Rossouw and England center Jeremy Guscott.

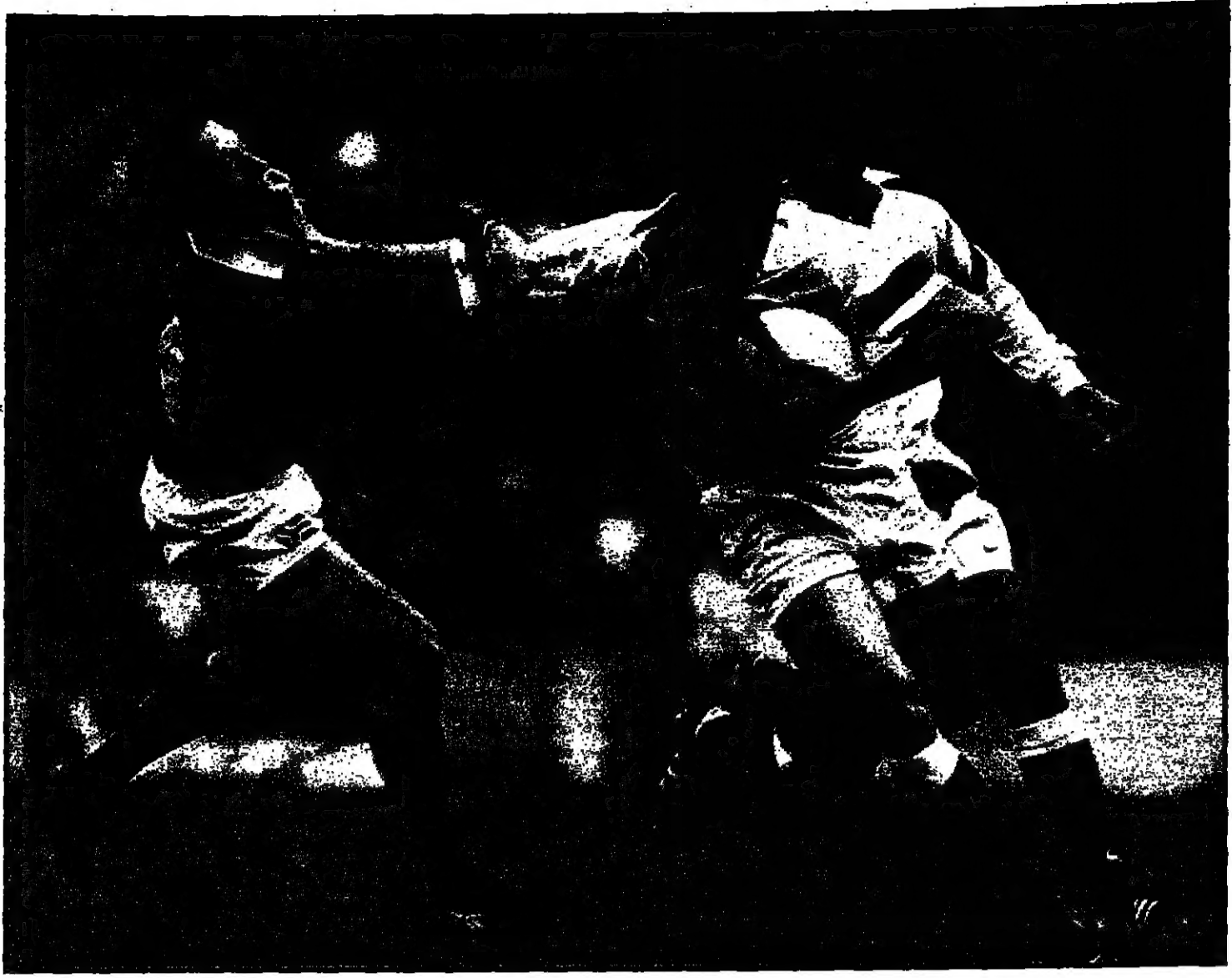
But Dawson, who kicked some goals for England on their southern hemisphere tour in the middle of the year, kept his nerve with the boot while South African fullback Percy Montgomery missed a vital second-half penalty.

"To beat the world champions at home is just fantastic," said Dawson who was a major figure on the British Lions' historic series defeat of South Africa in 1997.

"It was a tremendous victory. At some stage we were going to get a result (against a southern hemisphere nation)," captain Lawrence Dallaglio said. "Every player did the country proud."

The defense was outstanding. South Africa were left as joint holders of the world record of 17 successive wins with the All Blacks of the 1960s. Their winning run began in Pretoria in August last year with a defeat of Australia.

But the world champions could not beat an England team whose defense was superb and who played an expansive attacking game in an intense atmosphere at



ON THE RUN — England's Dan Luger tries to get by South Africa's Krynauw Otto yesterday, while English team mate Jeremy Guscott follows.

Twickenham. South African coach Nick Mallett was gracious in defeat.

"England played very well and took their chances well," he said. "To equal a record of 17 is a fantastic achievement anyway. It is disappointing but we have had a great year."

England coach Clive Woodward, who has struggled to get results over the southern hemisphere powers since he took over last year and was under pressure, said he knew before the game that England were capable of pulling off a shock win.

"We just knew in the changing

rooms that something was going to happen," he said. "It makes all the bad times all worthwhile."

The result marked England's first victory over a southern hemisphere nation since they beat Australia at the 1995 World Cup. It will give them a huge lift before next year's World Cup to be played in Europe.

The game got off to an explosive start with a superb South African try from Rossouw in the eighth minute. The left winger took a long pass from flyhalf Henry Honiball and beat England fullback Nick Beal on the outside after a clever dummy pass inside.

Montgomery converted to put the tourists 7-0 up.

But England worked a clever move to pull level in the 14th minute.

Flyhalf Mike Carr slotted a high kick wide to left winger Dan Luger on the touchline who caught the ball and passed it inside quickly for center Guscott to run over unopposed.

Dawson converted to make the score 7-7 at the interval.

After 10 minutes of the second half, Dawson had a chance to put England ahead with a relatively easy penalty from 30 metres just right of the posts.

The scrumhalf failed to hit the target. But he found his form with penalties in the 65th and 70th minutes, both of them challenging kicks although they were from the middle of the field.

When Montgomery missed from a straightforward position in the 73rd minute it was clearly going to be England's day although they had to survive a dramatic last few minutes when they were under pressure from the South Africans.

Only a desperate interception by winger Dan Luger deep in his own half in injury time halted a sweeping Springbok attack which began inside their own 22.

Berkovic defends assailant Hartson

LONDON (Reuters) — Eyal Berkovic has written a letter in support of West Ham team mate John Hartson, who faces a misconduct charge after kicking the Israeli international midfielder in the head during a training session.

"There is and has been no ill feeling between John Hartson and me," he wrote in a signed letter which was obtained and published by the *Mirror* newspaper yesterday.

"We have and have had a normal relationship between members of the same squad, and have played in the same team and practiced together on many occasions since then."

Hartson kicked Berkovic during a routine training session in September as the Israeli knuckled on the ground after a hard tackle. The incident was filmed and images were subsequently published and broadcast worldwide.

The letter published yesterday painted a very different picture to the one that first emerged.

At the time, Berkovic was quoted as saying he was considering his future at the Premier League club.

He wrote in a newspaper column about how the blood had gushed from his head after the incident and of the anger he felt for his team mate and employers.

"If my head had been a ball, it would have whizzed into the stands from his kick," he wrote in an Israeli tabloid, dismissing Hartson's subsequent attempt to apologize by telephone as a "bit late for that now." However, West Ham manager Harry Redknapp said afterwards that both men had settled their differences and shaken hands.

Berkovic confirmed in the letter that he was the case and had asked Redknapp not to fine Hartson because he had accepted his team mate's apologies for the kick.

"We both put the incident down to our training hard at the time," Berkovic wrote.

The English Football Association charged Hartson, who faces a lengthy ban, with misconduct in October but no date has yet been set for any disciplinary hearing where the letter is expected to be produced.

Joachim equalizer keeps Villa top of table

LONDON (Reuters) — Striker Julian Joachim kept Aston Villa top of the Premier League by firing a second-half equalizer yesterday to force a 1-1 home draw against Manchester United.

United manager Alex Ferguson, in his first game since the departure of influential right-hand man Brian Kidd to Blackburn Rovers, had been lifted by a crisply taken goal from midfielder Paul Scholes in the 47th minute.

But Joachim put his side level eight minutes later and both he and Alan Thompson, from a free kick, then struck the woodwork as Villa stayed one point clear of second-placed United.

"Going a goal down helped us in

PREMIER LEAGUE: Aston Villa 1, Manchester United 0; Blackburn 1, Charlton 0; Derby 0, Arsenal 0; Everton 0, Chelsea 0; Leeds 4, West Ham 0; Leicester 2, Southampton 0; Tottenham 2, Liverpool 1; Wimbledon 1, Coventry 1.

GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Aston Villa	15	8	2	21	17	30
Sheff. Wed.	15	8	2	21	17	30
Leeds	16	6	2	25	14	26
Arsenal	16	6	2	15	7	26
West Ham	16	7	5	4	20	26
Chelsea	16	7	5	4	20	26
Middlesbrough	15	5	8	2	24	17
Wimbledon	16	5	5	21	26	23
Liverpool	16	4	6	6	27	21
Derby	16	4	7	4	15	14
Tottenham	16	4	6	21	22	22
Leicester	16	4	6	21	22	22
Blackburn	16	4	6	21	22	22
Coventry	16	4	6	21	22	22
Not. Forest	16	3	10	15	24	12
Southampton	16	2	4	10	12	10

SCOTTISH PREMIER: Dundee United 1, St. Johnstone 1; Kilmarnock 4, Aberdeen 0; Motherwell vs. Dundee postponed; Rangers 1, Dunfermline 1.

GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Rangers	16	9	4	3	30	31
Kilmarnock	17	8	7	2	25	31
St. Johnstone	16	6	6	4	19	22
Hearts	15	4	6	16	19	19
Dundee	15	4	6	14	20	19
Dundee United	17	4	6	17	19	18
Motherwell	16	4	6	13	22	18
Dunfermline	17	2	9	6	14	15
Aberdeen	17	3	5	9	15	14

a way," Joachim said. "We went all out on the attack and can take a lot of credit from the game. It has given us a lot of confidence for the other tough games coming up."

Villa, who next face Chelsea and Arsenal, have 30 points from 15 games. United have 29, three more than Leeds United, champions Arsenal and West Ham United, who were beaten 4-0 by Leeds yesterday.

As Ferguson got down to United life without Kidd, his former assistant during the past seven successful years at Old Trafford was enjoying a winning start to his new career at Blackburn.

Kidd, who has replaced Roy Hodgson as Blackburn manager, saw his charges win 1-0 at home to Charlton Athletic to move off the bottom of the table.

A 75th minute goal from Kevin Davies gave Blackburn only their third win in 16 league matches, and kept Charlton sliding down the table after an encouraging

GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Sunderland	21	13	7	1	49	48
Ipswich	22	10	6	4	31	42
Watford	22	10	5	37	31	42
Wolves	22	9	6	7	31	37
Bolton	21	9	6	4	40	35
Huddersfield	22	10	5	7	33	35
Birmingham	22	9	6	7	30	35
Sheff. Wed.	22	10	4	7	36	34
Sheff. Utd.	22	8	7	37	38	33
Nottingham	22	9	6	7	32	33
W. Brom.	22	9	6	7	32	33
Barnsley	22	8	6	8	30	32
Cardiff	22	8	6	8	30	32
Crystal Palace	22	7	6	9	27	32
Sheff. Utd.	22	7	6	9	27	32
QPR	22	7	4	11	25	32
Blackpool	22	5	11	6	28	27
Sheff. Utd.	22	4	11	25	32	25
Portsmouth	22	6	10	31	35	24
Swindon	22	6	10	30	35	24
Oldham	22	6	10	31	35	24
Tranmere	22	4	10	7	33	22
Port Vale	22	4	12	26	43	22
Bristol City	22	4	11	32	49	19
Crewe	21	2	5	14	21	11

start on their return to the top flight.

Kidd was intending to be purely an observer at the match after agreeing to join Rovers on Thursday, but only 17 minutes had elapsed before he moved from his seat in the stand to go down to the touchline where he quickly became animated.

Leeds's 4-0 win was acclaimed by manager David Leary as a "great team performance."

"We have been playing some great stuff," said O'Leary after his side had blasted three of their goals in an 18-minute spell in the second half.

Midfielder Lee Bowyer thrust Leeds ahead after eight minutes but they had to wait until the 61st minute to extend their lead, with Bowyer getting his second.

Dutch defender Robert Molenaar, in the 68th minute, and Jimmy Floyd Hasselbank, in the 79th, wrapped up the rout against a West Ham side who had defender Neil Ruddock sent off for serious foul play after 71 minutes.

Fourth-placed Arsenal were held 0-0 at Derby while their former manager George Graham continued to revive the fortunes of Tottenham Hotspur, who won 2-0 at home to Liverpool.

Spurs took the lead through Ruel Fox after 26 minutes and an own goal by defender Jamie Carragher five minutes after half-time increased their advantage.

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Orioles sign Clark, DeShields, Surhoff

BALTIMORE (Reuters) — Will Clark found a new home yesterday with the Baltimore Orioles, taking the place of the first baseman who forced his departure from the Texas Rangers.

The Orioles signed the 35-year-old free agent to a two-year contract worth \$11 million. Clark needed to find a new address after Rafael

Pulmeiro left the Orioles to sign a five-year, \$45 million offer with the Rangers on Tuesday.

The signing continues a hectic week for the Orioles, who signed free-agent outfielder Albert Belle on Tuesday and later that night acquired catcher Charles Johnson in a three-way deal with the New York Mets and LA Dodgers.

Friday, the Orioles signed free-agent second baseman Delino DeShields and re-signed free-agent outfielder B.J. Surhoff.

Clark, a 13-year veteran, spent his first eight major league seasons with the San Francisco Giants and has 253 career homers with 1,106 RBIs.

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